

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2802**

July 23, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20006

Dear Mr. President,

I write you in this critical moment as Congress attempts to fix the difficult problems in America's healthcare system. While we may have different views on how to achieve our shared goal of offering affordable, accessible healthcare for all Americans, I think we can all agree that public servants have a responsibility to live by the laws we impose on the American people.

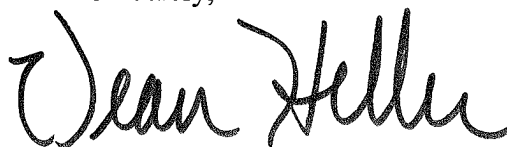
In this light, I encourage you to require that any healthcare bill you sign into law include a provision that all elected federal officials enroll in the government-run health insurance plan. Americans are understandably concerned by the creation of this plan, and I believe there is no better way to monitor the new program than to make federal officials participate in the government-run system.

During the House Ways & Means Committee markup of the America's Affordable Health Choices Act (H.R. 3200), I offered an amendment that would have required Members of Congress and our dependants who choose to receive health coverage to do so through the government-run plan created by this legislation. My amendment was supported by all Committee Republicans, as well as three of my colleagues from the other side of the aisle.

Mr. President, if the government-run plan is good enough for millions of Americans, I believe it should be good enough for you and me. I encourage you to seriously consider including yourself and all Members of Congress in the government-run plan to assure the American people that we are willing to live by the laws we write.

I appreciate your attention to this important issue. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress