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Nationalizing Health Care is NOT the Answer!

On the night of June 24th, 2009 the "American Broadcasting Company" gave President Barack Obama its prime time programming slot in order for him to unveil his "public option," to the American people. Earlier during the week, ABC refused to allow the Republican National Committee and other Conservative groups to purchase any advertising time during the 90- minute infomercial. Many people across the country watched in disgust while the President sat comfortably in the White House explaining a government plan to take over yet *another* private industry.

Viewers were left with disdain, questioning what was worse; the message of the President or the unjust bias of the media. The overwhelming emotional response of some Americans led to outrage, and even protest. The College Republican National Committee, which included the author (a Dutchess County resident), protested outside the White House lawn.

Looking back to that weary night in November, one cannot help but remember the promises of Barack Obama's acceptance speech. Promises were made of shared destinies, of liberty, of listening and of bi-partisanship. "To those Americans whose vote I have yet to earn, I hear your voices", he said. Now only months later, the President refuses to listen to these "voices."

There is little doubt reformation is needed in the flawed American health care system. We need to keep working because there is indeed a solution to our problem and through a bipartisan effort in Washington our leaders can find it. However, we must refuse to believe that the answer lies within the nationalization of another private industry. Former president, Gerald Ford, once said, "Government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have." This is exactly the type of government, in which President Obama is creating.

In the past six months the national debt has increased drastically with stimulus plans, bailouts, and a slew of new spending initiatives. In addition, the banking, insurance, and motor vehicle industries have all been nationalized shifting undue control of private enterprise to the government.

President Obama, if you want to make good on your campaign promises, it may be time to start exploring alternative options. Let's create a system that offers incentive, not punishments, and free choices rather than limitations. The better solution is out there and YES WE CAN find it.

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