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“THE LARGEST NATIONAL GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOMS
OUR FOUNDING FATHERS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”

35 STATES - 144 OFFICES - 3.2 MILLION ACTIVISTS

Dear Friend,

The coming battle over health care will likely dwarf the fight over Obamacare and that is why you need to be a part of it NOW.

I urge you to please sign and return today the enclosed Declaration of Opposition to Medicare for All.

In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, if you believe it is critical that America's doctors, nurses and all health care professionals have more flexibility in treating their patients, it is extraordinarily important for you to sign the enclosed Declaration.

Your signature on this Declaration of Opposition to Medicare for All is the most powerful way you can help stop this country from implementing more centralized or even socialized medicine - a path that failed much of Europe during the crisis and was responsible for many of the early missteps here.

You see, one of the best ways to win more flexibility for our health care professionals is get the truth out about Medicare for All.

Americans don't fully understand the huge dangers of single-payer, socialized medicine proposals like "Medicare for All."

If they don't get up to speed quickly, you and I, our families and our nation will pay a terrible price.

Your signature on this important document will be a powerful tool as Americans for Prosperity escalates an unprecedented national drive to show Americans the true dangers of "Medicare for All."

More than outlawing your private insurance, doubling taxes on families, slashing reimbursements that would force many hospitals and providers to close, creating longer waits, longer travel and less access for care, Medicare for All will make you and your family dependent on government for your well-being - forever.

Before I say more, let me properly introduce myself. I'm Tim Phillips, President of Americans for Prosperity - America's largest grassroots network that is fighting to remove

government obstacles that keep people from opportunity and reaching their full potential.

Stopping this push toward more centralized or even socialized medicine is going to be a real challenge.

Despite the failures of socialized medicine around the world, the advocates of Medicare for All are doubling down on a full and complete takeover of your health care. This time they want only the government to provide health coverage and they are even calling for outlawing private insurance.

Cleverly, the advocates of socialized medicine have figured out that calling it a “government takeover” or “single payer system” is not popular, so they are repackaging their authoritarian program as “Medicare for All.”

They are waging an intense grassroots campaign to build broad-based citizen support so in the not-too-distant future they can ram it into law.

Tragically, their efforts are bearing fruit. Recent opinion polls are showing that the advocates of single-payer health care are very effectively sowing grassroots support for Medicare for All.

Recent polls are showing that support for Medicare for All is growing and is now more than 50%. Increasingly, Americans in the wake of the COVID-19 are casting their support for a government takeover of all health care – Medicare for All.

This is despite the fact that laws and regulations enacted over many decades are what restricted the ability of innovators and health experts to slow the spread of this disease or provide life-saving medical treatment—limiting the availability of surgical and N95 masks, preventing qualified doctors and nurses from treating more patients, causing severe shortages of hand sanitizers, and much more.

It has been the removal of those obstacles that allowed for increased use of telemedicine, enlarged the scope of practice for nurses and other medical professionals, and clearing the way for the private sector to create tests and expedite medicines that have been so critical to saving lives.

Yet, under the banner of “Health Care Justice” and promising “health care as a right that Americans should enjoy universally and equally,” the advocates of Medicare for All are working to very wrongly convince your fellow Americans that handing over control of their health care will result in better care and lower costs.

Slowly and frighteningly, this propaganda is working. If they continue uncontested to build support for “Medicare for All,” it will be unstoppable when they do force a vote on it –

the public demand will simply be too great.

In short, they are patiently, and very successfully, sowing the seeds of Medicare for All right now.

You and I must act immediately to counter this devastating propaganda.

WITH EVERY PASSING DAY MORE AND MORE AMERICANS WHO ARE UNDECIDED, including many who should know better, ARE DECLARING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS AUTHORITARIAN MEDICARE FOR ALL PLAN.

Put simply, the advocates of a government takeover are doing it again! They understand that politics is downstream from culture. If you create a broad-based "cultural demand" for something, the laws will soon follow.

But how can you and I counter this growing government health care juggernaut that is gaining speed and momentum every day?

To counter the propaganda that the advocates of socialized medicine are sowing, we must wage our own drive to sow the seeds of truth.

We must tell Americans the truth about Medicare for All.

And there is reason for hope IF we can tell Americans the truth about Medicare for All.

A NEW KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION POLL SHOWS 67% OF MEDICARE FOR ALL SUPPORTERS THINK THEY WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR INSURANCE. When they learn the truth, support drops tremendously!

But, the Medicare for All propaganda campaign is growing in strength and it will be difficult to catch up and pass them. And some of the advocates for Medicare for All are now suggesting that we take away your private insurance slowly to quiet opposition.

As the old saying goes, "a lie makes it around the block before the truth can get its shoes tied." We need to give Americans the frightening facts about Medicare for All, including:

- **OUTLAWS PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE** - We need to tell them about how their private insurance or any supplemental insurance will be outlawed under Medicare for All and they will be totally dependent on government bureaucrats.
- **CLOSING HOSPITALS AND FEWER DOCTORS** - We need to tell them

how Medicare already underpays hospitals and doctors and a growing number of experts expect many hospitals not to survive – Americans will have to start competing and waiting for hospital beds. The lower reimbursements of doctors will mean fewer doctors continue to practice and many bright young people will pick other professions. All of this means Americans will have long wait times and fewer choices in doctors.

- **DON'T EXPECT BREAKTHROUGH DRUGS AND TREATMENTS** - We need to tell them how even The Washington Post has reported that Medicare for All will likely mean less research and fewer new drugs and medicines, since they will be too expensive. All of this means that the hopeful cures for cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, and many other diseases will remain just that: a someday hope for other countries to solve.
- **MEDICARE ALREADY HEADED TO BANKRUPTCY AND RATIONING** - We need to tell Americans the cold-hard fact that Medicare is already going broke and expanding it will mean its financial demise is accelerated. The only option to slow bankruptcy will be to ration care – particularly for the elderly and sick whose medical costs are often higher.
- **ABSURDLY HIGH TAXES AND TAKING MONEY FROM OTHER PRIORITIES** - For decades, Americans have seen how, once a government program gets started, its costs skyrocket. The rosy cost projections of the advocates of Medicare for All are no more truthful than the last time we heard "if you like your insurance and your doctor, you can keep them." In fact, the center-left Urban Institute projected Medicare for All would increase federal spending by \$2.5 trillion annually. Federal tax collection would need to increase by an opportunity crushing 70%. Bernie Sanders proposed to pay for his Medicare for All plan with a 7.5% payroll tax. That is an ENORMOUS tax increase. Medicare for All will mean a crushing tax increase that will hurt the financial security of every American and will still need more funding. This will result in taking money away from other government priorities. This will jeopardize the well-being and safety of all Americans.

I could go on and on about how Medicare for All will mean low quality of care especially for complex procedures, the government getting in the way of decisions that should be left between patients and doctors, and much more.

In short, we need to powerfully remind Americans what they already know – that government does very few things very well and all the government attempts at health care indicate that Medicare for All will create widespread suffering and needless deaths.

A good example of government run health care is the VA. Year after year, month after month, day after day, there has been a continual stream of horrifying stories that tell the

failure of government health care – not in some foreign land – but right here in America with the Veterans Administration, the second largest department of government.

In fact, we need to share stories such as the one in *USA TODAY* that reported:

“A veteran with diabetes and poor circulation checked into the Memphis VA Medical Center for a scan and possible repair of blood vessels in his right leg last year, but he ended up with a piece of plastic packaging that VA providers had mistakenly embedded in a critical artery.

Doctors didn’t discover the 10 inches of tubing — used by manufacturers to protect catheters during shipping and handling — until the veteran had to have the leg amputated three weeks later.

When they cut into his leg, they found a 3-inch segment, and after the procedure, they found another 7 inches in the amputated limb.”

Or other *USA TODAY* stories such as how a surgery at a VA hospital was canceled after the patient was already under anesthesia because a retractor was unavailable — it had not been sterilized since its last use a week earlier. Or how a surgeon had to improvise when a tool used to prepare a skin graft was broken and the graft failed. Or how a surgical staff member had to run to a private-sector hospital across the street to borrow mesh to repair a hernia mid-procedure.

These stories must be told. Under Medicare for All, all the hospitals will be effectively under complete government financial control and there won’t be any more running across the street for emergency supplies.

We must also remind Americans of the pervasive and persistent problems with government officials manipulating patient wait times to make themselves look good as veterans suffered and died.

We need to ask Americans if this is what they want for themselves, their children, and their grandchildren – with no chance of retreating to private insurance and care when things go badly, as they surely will.

But publicizing and educating Americans about the truth about Medicare for All and this assault on our freedom is a massive undertaking.

You and I are now faced with the question of what organization is large enough, tough enough, and principled enough to take on the deceptive propaganda and effectively counter the campaign for Medicare for All.

Who is out there that can counter it so successfully that the advocates of socialized medicine efforts on the grassroots to sow support for Medicare for All not only fail but there is a new, robust call for more freedom?

I can tell you there is only one organization in America that is equipped to counter the Medicare for All propaganda on the grassroots and turn the tide of public opinion against this authoritarian takeover of health care.

That organization is Americans for Prosperity (AFP). Today, AFP is fighting for freedom and opportunity at the local, state, and federal level.

AFP is active in 35 states with 144 offices and 3.2 million grassroots activists. AFP's rapid growth is aimed to undo the damage the advocates of single-payer health care have done in their years-long effort to build support for their supposedly "compassionate and fair" big government. But don't take my word for it.

Former Congressman Mark Meadows, a founder of the Freedom Caucus in the House and now President Trump's Chief of Staff, has said AFP

"was critical to the passage of the tax cuts proposed by President Trump."

AFP's leadership role started even before President Trump released his framework for tax reform. As the first proposals were being floated by some in Congress, AFP made tax reform its Number One federal policy priority. AFP immediately started fighting harmful proposals such as the Border Adjustment Tax (BAT). In fact, AFP was the leader in killing the BAT.

We then worked very closely with the White House to win passage of the tax reform plan President Trump outlined. From our leadership and grassroots activists holding more than 1,000 meetings on Capitol Hill with elected officials, to dozens of town hall meetings in key areas of the country, to leading a coalition of organizations pushing for tax reform, AFP had a major impact inside the beltway."

But it was the mobilization of our unmatched grassroots organization that may have carried the day. *The New York Times* reported,

"Americans for Prosperity and its field staff and volunteers have hit more than 41,000 homes and made 1.1 million phone calls."

By knocking on tens of thousands of doors and making more than a million calls to likely supporters of tax reform, AFP lit up the telephones of key Senators and Representatives. Elected officials felt the "heat" from home so they saw the "light" in Washington.

And if all of that was not enough, AFP also amplified their grassroots efforts with millions of dollars of paid media advocating tax reform in states of wavering Senators.

You may be familiar with AFP's all-out efforts to support the record number of confirmations of President Trump's judicial nominees to the federal courts. You may also be aware of how AFP is partnering with the Administration in eliminating the regulatory overreach of the Obama-era. You may also be aware of our hard-hitting efforts to curb the overspending that is driving the deficit and threatening the future of every American.

But what you might not be as aware of AFP's efforts in states from coast-to-coast to win important opportunity-expanding policy battles that seek to shrink the size, power, and ability of government to rig our system. They range from cutting taxes and slashing wasteful spending to winning Right to Work to expanding school choice to eliminating occupational licensing requirements that do not make us safer and are simply designed to stop competition and much more.

In short, AFP is rapidly growing and becoming the most important grassroots force for freedom and opportunity-expanding policies in America today.

But taking on the advocates of socialized health care's very effective propaganda that is winning support for Medicare for All will be a herculean task and, candidly, we need your help.

If AFP is going to escalate this massive effort, we need the support and participation of patriotic Americans like you.

Right now, AFP needs evidence of a growing number of Americans who recognize the grave danger that Medicare for All poses to all of our health, financial security, and freedoms. So, I urge you to take a moment now to sign the enclosed Declaration of Opposition to Medicare for All.

Your signed Declaration will help AFP generate media attention to the dangers of Medicare for All and it will potentially aid in recruiting other Americans to oppose this authoritarian, freedom-robbing program.

And I urge you to please combine your signed Declaration with a special donation to enable Americans for Prosperity to wage this expensive but essential campaign against Medicare for All and the entire drive to push us toward a society characterized by big government, cronyism, poverty, and control where individuals are pitted against each other as they vie for government largess.

Please sign your Declaration of Opposition to Medicare for All and return it with your largest possible donation today. AFP does not receive funding from the government.

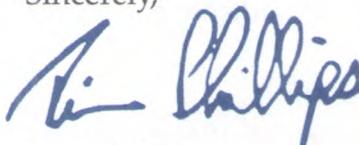
Their success in this and all their battles against freedom-robbing policies depend on the generous, voluntary donations of people like you.

That is why I want to ask you to join as an Americans for Prosperity Donor Activist. Some new Donor Activists are donating \$25, \$50, or \$75. Others who have concluded that AFP gives them the greatest impact for their donation are sending \$100, \$250, or more. Please join this vital effort at your earliest convenience. You will be helping to build a movement of millions to get the truth out about the extreme dangers of Medicare for All and the other threats to our freedom. Your support right now is very important.

Again, time is running out. As the polls show, the seeds are being very successfully sown for Medicare for All. If we don't counter their efforts with the cold-hard facts, I can tell you that when it eventually comes to a vote, it will become the law of the land.

If that happens, your children, your grandchildren, and all Americans will suffer terribly. AFP, with their 144 offices and 3.2 million grassroots activists in 35 states is the one and only organization that can counter the all-out push for Medicare for All. Please help us today with your signed Declaration and best donation possible. Thank you in advance for your help and participation in this historic campaign. Please answer today.

Sincerely,



Tim Phillips

President, Americans for Prosperity

P.S. As you decide how much to invest in this historic campaign to stop Medicare for All and reverse the efforts to turn Americans away from their faith and love of freedom, let me share with you another AFP success.

In AFP's early days, there was a growing push for the disastrous policy of Cap and Trade – the carbon tax-like scheme that would have devastated our economy and thrown millions of Americans out of work. Very early on AFP saw that it was going to come to a head in legislation on the Hill and AFP went to work. In key areas of the country, AFP rebranded “Cap and Trade” to “Cap and Tax.” AFP conducted massive grassroots operations and hard-hitting media efforts against this job killing policy. AFP mobilized a growing number of Americans against Cap and Tax.

To the dismay of the big government advocates, who a short time earlier were all but assured of victory, AFP's grassroots efforts turned the tide of public opinion against Cap and Tax and it failed in Congress. The fight against Medicare for All will be much tougher and larger. Please support this critical battle and all that AFP is doing to expand freedom with your largest possible donation and signed Declaration today. Time is short. Please respond today.