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Mary C. Cilurso, Municipal Clerk

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TO: President Barack Obama
The Honorable Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen
The Honorable U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg
The Honorable U.S. Senator Robert Menendez
New Jersey League of Municipalities
All Morris County Municipalities

FROM: Mary Cilurso, Township Clerk

SUBJ: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY PETITIONING PRESIDENT
BARACK OBAMA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
PRESERVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR OUR OLDER
AMERICANS AND VETERANS AND TO FORMULATE A
HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM PACKAGE THAT PROVIDES
ALL OTHER AMERICANS WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF
SELECTING A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT BEST SUITS
THEIR NEEDS

DATE: October 8, 2009

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution #R09-139 that was Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on October 6, 2009.

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Enclosure

R09-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY PETITIONING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PRESERVE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR OUR OLDER AMERICANS AND VETERANS AND TO FORMULATE A HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM PACKAGE THAT PROVIDES ALL OTHER AMERICANS WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF SELECTING A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT BEST SUITS THEIR NEEDS

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in the House of Representatives, a measure designated as HR 3200, also known as the America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009 and, most recently, a proposed compromise measure known as the Baucus Plan sponsored by Senator Max Baucus; and

WHEREAS, both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have expressed concern about any health reform package having possible unintended consequences for older Americans, veterans, active, reserve and retired military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway supports the need to make quality health care coverage affordable and accessible to every American, and that such coverage should not be at the expense of our older Americans and veterans who, by virtue of their services and sacrifices, have made the united States the greatest nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, the governing body also firmly believes that genuine health care reform should put patients and their health needs first, and preserve and protect the sacred physician-patient relationship; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, HR 3200 proposes to shift resources from specialty medicine to primary care based on the belief that Americans abuse special care resulting in the escalation of medical costs. Such a shift would have a detrimental affect on older Americans and veterans who often require the services of specialists; and

WHEREAS, the Baucus Plan, a \$900 billion program to be implemented over a ten (10) year period, also has serious flaws that include cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; and

WHEREAS, under the Baucus Plan 97% of Americans would have the option to purchase coverage through an employer, on their own, or through a government plan. If they fail to purchase insurance, Americans would be fined up to \$3,800.00; and

WHEREAS, insurance companies, drug makers, medical device manufacturers and insurers would be taxed to help offset the cost of providing insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, while health care reform is needed, any package of reforms should not include the creation of another governmental agency that would dictate how patients are to be treated; and

WHEREAS, any attempt by the Obama administration and Congress to mandate a government takeover of health care would have serious consequence for families and businesses especially if any reform package makes private health care coverage too expensive to underwrite; and

WHEREAS, the governing body also believes that those Americans who like their current health care coverage should be able to keep it if they are satisfied with the services rendered by health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council calls upon President Obama and the Members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans alike, to formulate a plan that will preserve current health care programs afforded to older Americans and veterans while at the same time providing all other Americans with the privilege to select a health insurance plan that best suits the needs of individuals and families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body petitions President Barrack Obama and the members of the United States House of Representatives and the Senate to formulate a health care reform package that will preserve current health programs afforded to older Americans and veterans and provide all other Americans with the ability to select a health insurance plan that best suits the needs of individuals and families.

2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to President Barack Obama, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, U.S. Senators Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and all Morris County Municipalities.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris and the State of New Jersey at a duly convened Meeting held on October 6, 2009.



Mary Cilurso, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

