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Wharton Clerk-gevangelista@whartonnj. com  
Subject: Health Care Reso;

Please see the attached resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of  
Aldermen.

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October 6, 2009

Hon. Barack Obama, President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 200500

Re: Resolution of the Board of Aldermen  
Concerning Health Care Reform

Dear President Obama:

The Board of Alderman, the governing body of the Town of Boonton in Morris County, New Jersey asked that I forward to you a copy of a recently adopted resolution concerning national health care reform.

While recognizing the need for health care reform, the Board of Aldermen is concerned that it might take place at the expense of older Americans and veterans.

The Board urges you and the United States Congress to preserve health care coverage for older Americans and veterans and to formulate a health care reform package that serves the needs of all Americans.

We look forward to your reply and that of our representatives in Congress who are receiving a copy of this letter along with the resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,  
FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Cynthia Oravits, R.M.C.  
Town Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Hon. Frank Lautenberg, United State Senator  
Hon. Robert Menendez, United State senator  
Hon. Rodney Frelinghuysen, United State Representative  
New Jersey League of Municipalities  
Morris County Municipalities

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**RESOLUTION 09-234**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton 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 effect on older Americans and veterans who often require the services of specialist; 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 consequences 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body petitions President Barack Obama and the members of the United States House of Representatives and the Senate to formulate a health care form 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, Cynthia A. Oravits, Clerk of the Town of Boonton, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting of said governing body held on October 5, 2009.

  
Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC  
Town Clerk