

I wanted to let you know that today I was appointed to be the chairman of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Health for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. My highest priority as chairman will be to repeal ObamaCare and to advance reforms that will actually lower health care costs and increase access to quality care, such as increasing competition, eliminating frivolous lawsuits, and creating a level playing field for all Americans to have access to affordable coverage. I am anxious to get to work to empower individuals and the free market—rather than the government—and to protect the doctor-patient relationship.

Since the debate over health care reform began, the American people have strongly signaled their opposition to this job-killing law that puts Washington at the center of American health care. The new majority in the House has listened and we will vote on January 12 to repeal it from the books. While the Senate and President Obama may ultimately stand in the way of an immediate full repeal, I will use my role as chairman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee to hold a number of hearings exposing the negative impact that ObamaCare will have on health care costs, individual and family premiums, Medicare beneficiaries, small businesses owners, and Americans out of work. We will work long and diligently to reverse the current course and pass health reform that Americans want and deserve.