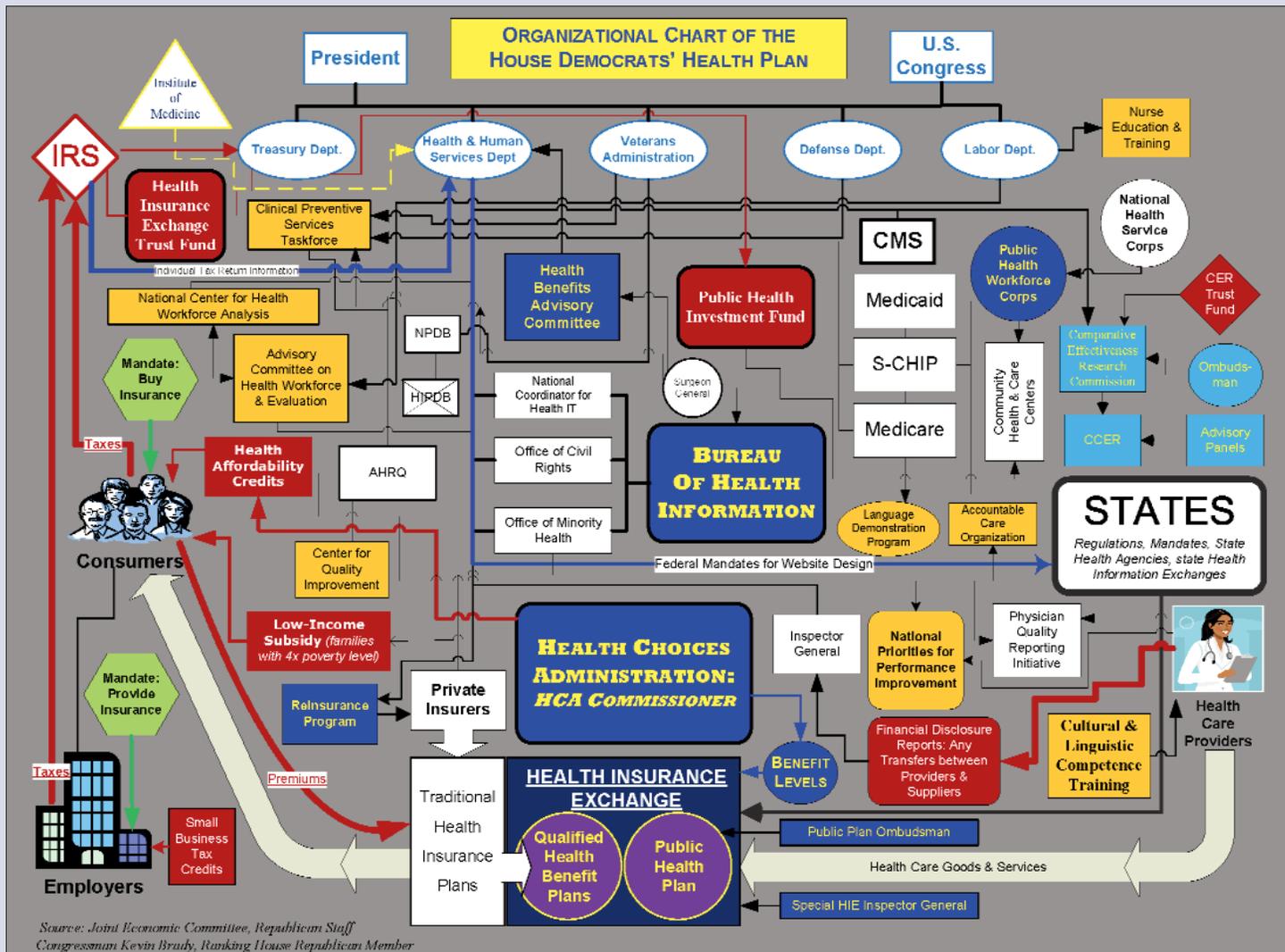




### OUTLINE OF HOUSE DEMOCRATS' PROPOSED GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE



The above chart details the bureaucratic quagmire of the House Democrats' health care plan. The chart identifies at least 31 new federal programs, agencies, commissions, and mandates planned for families and small businesses. Unelected bureaucrats would make decisions governing reimbursements for procedures, tests, and prescriptions. Incredibly, the Democrat's proposal would require that all individuals purchase health

insurance or face a tax penalty as well as require all, except the smallest employers, provide health insurance or face a tax penalty. I believe health care reform should lower costs, improve access, reform medical liability, invest in prevention and wellness, and bend the costs curve downward. Therefore, I will not support any health care bill that puts the government in even greater control of our health care decisions.

## NEW GULF STATE PARK PIER OPENS



*At a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month, Governor Bob Riley officially opened the new pier at Gulf State Park to the public. Alabama can now proudly claim to have the longest pier on the Gulf of Mexico. Hurricane Ivan destroyed the original pier in 2004.*

In June, the U.S. Department of the Interior awarded the Alabama Department of Conservation and National Resources \$8 million for the reconstruction of a portion of the pier as well as 25 conservation education exhibits along the boardwalk. The award was issued by the Interior Department's Mineral's Management Service through the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP, which was created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, distributes funds to Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states (Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) to mitigate the impacts of OCS oil and gas activities.

## From the mailbox...

Dear Congressman Bonner,

*Your willingness to help me during an especially difficult time is something I'll never forget. It takes very special people to drop everything in the middle of a busy day to come to the aid of a stranger. Nothing carries more potential for change than individual acts of human kindness. The stress that this has placed on my family is overwhelming, and the relief that you have provided has allowed me to sleep with a smile again. Thank you for brightening my world.*

*God Bless You.*

*Thank you so much,  
A grateful constituent*



## 19 Town Meetings Next Month

The upcoming August district work period will afford me the opportunity to hold town hall meetings in all six counties of Alabama's First District.



Listed below are the times and locations for our next series of town meetings:

### Monday, August 17

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Mobile  
Mobile Regional Senior Community Center  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Tillman's Corner  
Tillman's Corner Community Center  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Dauphin Island  
Town Hall  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Chickasaw  
City Hall

### Tuesday, August 18

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Citronelle  
City Hall  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Wagarville  
Senior Center  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Millry  
Town Hall  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Grove Hill  
Town Hall

### Wednesday, August 19

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Beatrice  
First Baptist Church  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Monroeville  
Old Monroe County Courthouse  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Uriah  
Volunteer Fire Department  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Stockton  
Stage Coach Restaurant

### Thursday, August 20

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Bay Minette  
City Hall  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Atmore  
Poarch Creek Indian Reservation  
Auditorium  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - East Brewton  
City Hall

### Friday, August 21

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Robertsdale  
City Hall  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Magnolia Springs  
Community Center  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Perdido Beach  
Perdido Beach Volunteer Fire Department  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Orange Beach  
City Hall

## INTERNS SERVE IN DC AND MOBILE OFFICES

*Our second group of summer interns (l to r) Bonita Dungan, Jessica Sheppard, Wyatt Montgomery, and Erin Shipley joined me at the annual Congressional baseball game.*



*We also offer internships in our district office. Pictured with me are Miriam Fry and Alex Cika.*

