

"I didn't run for Congress because I believe Americans should be taxed more or because I think the federal government should take over every aspect of our lives from the cradle to the grave.

"I support the State Children's Health Insurance Program as it was originally passed ten years ago. Furthermore, I support the efforts to extend and expand coverage to low-income families not currently being served.

"However, I will not go along with the charade that was brought to the House floor today. This "compromise" is the first major step toward socialized medicine and a taxpayer subsidized, government-run health system for all Americans. It also weakens citizenship verification standards for illegal immigrants, enables a st  
ate to qualify a family making more than \$100,000 to receive benefits  
, and encourages government dependency."