

The Honorable Kay Hagan  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Hagan

Thank you for supporting the *Affordable Health Choices Act* that came out of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. The inclusion of a community health insurance plan will help protect individuals' access to quality, affordable health care. The Finance Committee plan falls far short of real reform.

**I support a robust, federally administered public health insurance plan.**

Health care reform must be comprehensive, ensure **affordability**, and it must give consumers a **choice**. The best way to meet all of the needs of North Carolinians is to establish a **public health insurance plan**. These principles are what President Obama is advocating for and what I support.

I urge you to do what you can to make sure these principles are included in the final legislation that comes before Congress. There is no alternative to protecting North Carolina's working families.

One alternative, the Finance Committee plan has state-based or regional co-ops that are run by their members. These would be too weak to stand up against the insurance industry conglomerates. A co-op model deprives Americans of a true competitor and allows lucrative new third-party administrator contracts without government oversight. **A co-op is not a viable alternative to a public health insurance plan.**

We cannot wait any longer for health care reform, Senator. I urge you to support real health care reform that guarantees access to quality, affordable health care for everyone. North Carolina's working families are counting on you. Please don't let us down.

Sincerely,

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