

REPUBLICANS VOTE AGAINST HEALTH REFORMS FOR SENIORS, SMALL BUSINESSES & FAMILIES

“Today’s Republican battle plan is exactly the same as it was sixteen years ago. In fact, it’s been the same since President Obama assumed office. They never were serious about compromise. They were serious only about regaining power.” – Robert Reich, 3/15/2010

During yesterday’s House Budget Committee mark-up of reconciliation legislation to move health insurance reform forward, nearly all of the Committee’s Republican Members voted against amendments to protect America’s seniors, families, and small businesses:

Protecting Medicare:

Republicans voted against an amendment to close the “Doughnut Hole” and ensure expanded access to preventative care for seniors.

Holding Insurance Companies Accountable:

Republicans voted against an amendment to create the Health Insurance Rate Authority, protecting consumers by increasing oversight of health insurance rates.

Bringing Down Costs:

Republicans voted against an amendment to increase affordability for families and provide small businesses with tax credits to support health coverage for their workers.

Protecting Americans from Insurance Caps:

Republicans voted against an amendment to prohibit annual and lifetime limits on the amount of care insurance companies would cover.