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STARK, LEVIN CRITICIZE REPUBLICANS' NOCARE PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON -- Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA), Chairman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, and Rep Sander Levin (D-MI), Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, today criticized the Republican plan to jeopardize health reform after legislative text was posted yesterday.

Chairman Stark: "The Republicans' NoCare plan would raise the number of uninsured by 32 million, balloon the deficit, raise health care costs for seniors, and raise taxes on small businesses that provide health care for their employees. No wonder they want to skirt their own rules to jam this bill through."

Chairman Levin: "As new Republican Members of Congress sign up for their own taxpayer-funded health care insurance they are rushing to jeopardize health care for millions of Americans. Without one single hearing they are turning the clock back on our health care system and turning their back on Americans already benefitting from reform."

The Republican repeal plan would jeopardize health coverage for all Americans. Among other things, their bill would:

- Allow insurers to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions, women, and older individuals

- Balloon the deficit
- Increase the uninsured by 32 million
- End tax credits to help people afford health coverage
- Eliminate the small business tax credit
- Re-open the Medicare Part D donut hole
- Reduce Medicare's solvency by 12 years
- Take away free, life-saving preventive care from people of all ages
- Gut programs to fight Medicare fraud, waste, and abuse
- Make more Americans face medical bankruptcy
- Kick people out of new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plans

For more information on the dangerous effects of their bill, please visit: <http://go.usa.gov/1L0>

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