

A Million Say No to ObamaCare



Barack Obama

Just how angry are Americans over the prospect of ObamaCare? **This week a petition drive against the health-reform plan, whose fate will be decided by Congress in the fall, gathered its one millionth signature. The petition drive, called Free Our Health Care Now, is sponsored by the National Center for Policy Analysis and has been widely touted by conservative radio talk-show hosts nationwide, including Bill Bennett, Hugh Hewitt, Michael Medved and others.**

The petition urges Congress to "stop the government takeover" of health care, so people don't have to give up "the insurance they have or lose the ability to make their own health-care decisions." The petition also presses Congress to advance "fairness" in health care by offering individuals "the same tax break employees get" through their employers.

NCPA President John C. Goodman tells me that this petition is "trench warfare between the government desire to nationalize the system and patients' desire for choice and fairness and flexibility." Mr. Goodman notes that there are tens of billions of dollars in the bill for "wellness" but this insurance scheme "will make Americans less well by restricting consumer and doctor choices."

Salem Radio president Greg Anderson says there has been a large listener reaction to the campaign and that the feedback represents "an amazing response from a large segment of the American people." NCPA says they are adding tens of thousands of signers each day, and could get to two million by the end of the August congressional recess.

With that response, it's no wonder Democrats' Congressional leadership has been so reluctant to let members adjourn for the summer recess to meet voter fury. Another grassroots campaign, Americans for Prosperity has helped thousands of enraged citizens turn out at town-hall meetings in states from Virginia to Wisconsin. "This is starting to feel like HillaryCare," says AFP president Tim Phillips. That would be the Clinton health care initiative that went up in smoke in 1994.

-- Stephen Moore