***H.R. 3590 – Abortion Funding***

My colleague, Bart Stupak, has championed an amendment to the majority's health care plan which would prevent taxpayer funding of abortion. His amendment passed in the House version of the bill, H.R. 3962, but was not included in the Senate's bill, H.R. 3590.

Mr. Stupak's amendment is not radical or extreme. In fact, it reflects current law and respects the will of the sixty-seven percent of Americans who oppose taxpayer funding of abortions. Under this amendment, people who want to purchase insurance for abortion can do so with their own money, but not with our tax dollars. This is currently the case for everyone from Medicaid recipients to federal employees.

Unfortunately, the leadership of the Democratic Party refuses to be dissuaded from forcing their liberal social agenda onto the health care bill. If H.R. 3590 passes the House and is signed by the President, it will create a system where unelected "health care" bureaucrats can decide to use your taxes to pay for abortions.

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