

I fully support comprehensive reform that will provide quality, affordable health care to all 47 million uninsured Americans, including more than [139,000](#) uninsured individuals that live in the counties that make up the 24th Congressional District.

Right now, Congress is in the process of debating the most sweeping health care reform in our nation in the last forty years. The objective of this legislation is to lower costs to consumers, preserve and provide choice of doctors and health plans, ensure stability and peace of mind that coverage can't be delayed or denied, and ensure quality patient-centered care. Three House committees have jointly produced draft legislation.

- Click [here](#) to view a copy of the draft House legislation, H.R. 3200
- Click [here](#) to read a Section-By-Section Analysis of the House legislation
- Click [here](#) to view a timeline of implementation for H.R. 3200

I strongly supported the reauthorization and expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). This year, Congress passed and the President signed into law H.R. 2, which provides cost-effective health coverage for an additional 4 million children whose parents earn too little to provide their own insurance, but too much to qualify for Medicaid, and preserves coverage for 7 million children already enrolled. [Read More](#)

I supported the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (H.R. 1256), also signed into law by the President earlier this year, which grants the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate the advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products, the number-one cause of preventable death in America, with 1,000 children each day becoming new, regular smokers.

I have consistently supported increased funding for the National Institutes of Health, our country's preeminent research institution, which represents our greatest hope for finding cures and treatments for the chronic diseases and debilitating conditions that afflict millions of Americans. Additionally, one of my first votes as a Member of Congress was in support of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (H.R. 3 in the 110th Congress). I was proud to cosponsor this bipartisan bill along with 207 Democrats and 13 Republicans. Since then, I have voted again in support of stem cell research and against human reproductive cloning. I have heard from people around our district about families affected by life-threatening and debilitating

illnesses - children with childhood diabetes and men and women with spinal cord injuries, Lupus, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's - who can benefit from stem cell research. People in Upstate New York support ethically responsible, life-saving research and I stand with them.

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