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THE MYTH

"National Improved Medicare for All is Financed by Raising my Taxes."

THE FACT

The bill does not set any taxes today. Paid for fairly, it would save most people money. As written today, National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) does not yet say how the program will be paid for. The best answer is fair taxes: people with lower incomes pay less, and people with higher incomes pay more. Those taxes would replace the premiums, deductibles, and copays you pay today.

HOW SHOULD IT BE FUNDED?

The original bill, H.R. 676, spelled out clearly how the program would be paid for. Adding a plan like that would make H.R. 3069 stronger. It could include:

1. **An income tax based on what you earn.** The less you earn, the less you pay.
2. **A payroll tax.** A tax on wages, collected through paychecks instead of insurance premiums.
3. **Higher income taxes on top earners.** The people with the highest incomes pay a larger share.
4. **A wealth tax.** A tax on the very largest fortunes.

> **How much will each of us pay?** That depends on us. The more of us who speak up, the fairer the plan.

WHY ADD FUNDING TO THE BILL?

- ✓ **It answers the critics.** A clear plan shows exactly how the program is paid for, without adding to the deficit. That takes away insurance lobbyists' favorite attack.
- ✓ **It shows what you save.** Fair taxes replace commercial insurance premiums, deductibles, and copays. The vast majority of people save time and money.
- ✓ **It makes the wealthy pay their fair share.** Wall Street and the highest earners help pay for the health of the whole nation.
- ✓ **It makes the plan clear to everyone.** Workers, families, and business owners can see what it means for their own budgets.
- ✓ **It backs up the promise of care.** H.R. 3069 covers complete care with nothing to pay when you get it. A funding plan shows how that promise is kept for life, with no gaps, barriers, or denials of care.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Taxes are not the threat. Today you pay premiums, deductibles, and copays. A fair tax plan replaces them, and most people come out ahead. How fair it is depends on how many of us demand it.

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