



## How to Interact with your Elected Officials about Health Care at Town Hall Meetings

*As you attend Town Hall meetings in your district over the August Recess, you can be sure that Health Care will be the hot issue. Here are a few tips and resources to help you make the most of your Town Hall meeting experience!*

- **Inform yourself** about the issue. Be able to tell your Representatives why you think that government-run health care is a bad idea and why you expect them to oppose ObamaCare.
- **Bring a copy of the bill, [H.R. 3200](#).** Since the bill is over 1,000 pages long, divvy up the bill amongst family and friends and have each person print out a section of it. OR, print out the specific pages and provisions of the bill you wish to ask your congressman about. That way, they cannot give you the excuse that “they can’t answer your question because they don’t have a copy of the bill in front of them.”
  1. Provisions of concern are highlighted [here](#) and are accompanied by the page number in the bill.
- **Have these lists handy at all times:**
  1. [31 common-sense changes to the health care bill](#) (which were defeated in committee by Democrats)
  2. [August Recess Health Care Town Hall Translation Guide](#)
- **Remember, don’t be afraid to throw your Representatives a curve-ball question and heat things up!**

*Here’s a great example.* On Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, the U.S. government announced that it was suspending the “Cash for Clunkers” Program after being in effect for only 6 days. “Cash for Clunkers” was initiated under the Obama Administration as part of its so-called “Stimulus Package.” It provided \$4,500 to people who turned in their older low mileage car if they agreed to buy a new car with more efficient fuel consumption.

Needless to say, the demand for the program was so great, the government agency, the National Highway Safety Administration, wasn’t able to handle it and days later, they announced that they were suspending the program. However, in true Washington, D.C. form, liberal House leaders on Friday cobbled together and passed legislation to expand taxpayer funding, an additional \$2 billion, to keep the program alive.

One car salesman was [quoted](#) as saying, “**If they can’t administer a program like this, I’d be a little concerned about my health insurance.**” Great point! “Cash for Clunkers” is yet another example of the inefficiency of big government — if we can’t trust them with our cars, we certainly can’t trust them with our health care.