

House Concurrent Resolution No. 18

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DIEHL.

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2 **Whereas**, the current health care proposal being debated in the United States
3 Congress will raise federal taxes and force new taxes on Missourians, which are detrimental to
4 Missouri's economy; and

5 **Whereas**, Missouri families and employers may be facing even more mandates that
6 drive up costs if the United States Congress passes its latest health care bill, H.R. 3200; and

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8 **Whereas**, the federal government's attempt to reform health care has
9 overwhelmingly centered around increasing eligibility to health care, but not addressing
10 important issues such as increasing access, provider rates or quality of care; and

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12 **Whereas**, there has been a complete lack of transparency during the final
13 negotiations to craft this legislation and special deals have already emerged that are going to put
14 Missouri at a disadvantage; and

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16 **Whereas**, the unfunded mandates and special deals will place greater pressure on
17 Missouri taxpayers and put funding for education, mental health services, public safety, and all
18 other essential state services at risk:

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20 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
22 concurring therein, hereby urge our Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against H.R. 3200
23 and to further request that our elected statewide officials express their respective positions on the
24 passage of H.R. 3200 and send a unified message to our Missouri Congressional delegation; and

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26 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urge our elected
27 statewide officials to review the constitutionality of H.R. 3200, which includes several special
28 deals for other states, including the "Nebraska kickback"; and

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30 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
31 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor
32 Jay Nixon, President Barack Obama, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
33 the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional
34 delegation.

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