

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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# House Concurrent Resolution No. 18

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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 the current health care proposal; 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**, the current health care proposal might allow the expenditure of public  
13 funds for abortions; and

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15       **Whereas**, the current health care proposal works a substantial change to  
16 longstanding practices governing end of life decisions; and

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

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

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26       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
27 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate

28 concurring therein, hereby urge our Missouri Congressional delegation to vote against the current  
29 health care proposal and develop health care reform that is affordable and accessible to all legal  
30 residents and to further request that our elected statewide officials express their respective  
31 positions on the passage of the current health care proposal and send a unified message to our  
32 Missouri Congressional delegation; and

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34 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urge our elected  
35 statewide officials to review the constitutionality of the current health care proposal, which  
36 includes several special deals for other states, including the "Nebraska kickback"; and

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

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