

I am writing to strongly object to this idea, and I would use the history of Obamacare as my main evidence. When Obamacare was being debated, then President Obama promised that healthcare premiums would be reduced an average of \$2,500 and healthcare was then supposed to be accessible to all. A new state tax on insurance companies and a public option, "to reduce skyrocketing costs" obviously exposes those claims as lies. Ct is already one of the highest taxed states in the country, and as a consequence, has already caused residents and companies to move to lower taxed states. Do Democrats now want insurance companies to move out like other companies and wealthy residents have already done? Insurance companies are one of the largest employers in the state and pay huge amounts in property taxes, while making single digit profits. If this tax goes through, does anyone think that healthcare premiums are not going to go up in order for insurance companies to pay a new tax? The unintended consequences seem obvious. I have heard no call for Tort Reform. Why not. You all know how this causes defensive medicine that increases costs.

How about more price transparency, like Htfd Healthcare has been pushing?

Have you looked at what former Governor Mitch Daniel has done in Indiana and the results, of using HSA's for deduction security?

I also do not believe reimporting drugs from Canada or any other country is a logical policy. Canada et al have price controls with socialized medicine. Many other countries have lower standards of living. I find it ironic that everyone is praising pharma for finding covid vaccine so quickly. The money to do that research comes from the profits of drugs that they sell now. Reimporting will lower those profits, reward socialized medicine countries, and punish U.S. research based pharma companies which also higher a lot of really smart scientists, who also use a lot of hi tech equipment that all cost a lot of money. Stop punishing success.

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