

I knew that Obamacare was not going to make it from the beginning. This stems from many years of observing and history of the insurance industry. It started in our country as a racket in the big cities. Simply put, "you buy our insurance and we don't break your arm."

Today the only difference is the big insurance companies have found a way to legalize it and make enormous profits without paying out large sums. When Obama promoted affordable health care insurance for everyone the insurance lobbyists were sure to fight back and block any attempt at reducing their profits. The idea of affordable health care for everyone is good; however, it is still privatized without any limit on profits. I believe any amount over 100 percent profit is just another form of racketeering. If they were limited to a modest percentage, I would venture to guess that the insurance rates would come down and the level of health care would greatly increase.

I believe in a single-payer national health insurance, also known as Medicare for all. I have Medicare and it has been affordable and with it the delivery of health care remains in private hands. Today's inefficient, profit-oriented, multiple insurance payers would be replaced with a single streamlined, nonprofit, public payer and by modest taxes based on the ability to pay. Patients would no longer be faced with financial barriers and would regain their choice of doctors and health care facility.

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