

Dear Friend,

Today I met with leaders of the local "Tea Party" activists to discuss their concerns on health care. While we may disagree on many things, I thought the conversation was useful and constructive.

As talk about health insurance reform continues this August, many people continue to tell me they're not sure how to separate facts from opinions. On all sides of this issue there is plenty of misinformation, disinformation and interpretation. I understand that many people have legitimate concerns over the bill and I have my own as well. However, I want to make sure that the debate is based on the facts – not on rumors or sound bites.

In talking to constituents all over the district, I've found that many people share similar concerns. I've put together a Q&A of the most frequently asked questions about the health insurance reform proposals being discussed in Congress right now. You can find it on my website [here](#) , along with more information about health insurance reform. I hope that it will help you understand the legislation better and answer some of your own questions.

If you still have further questions on health care, please call my special Health Insurance Reform Hotline at 202-226-4229. My office will do their best to find answers to specific questions promptly. And for the latest updates on health insurance reform, you can visit my website at <http://israel.house.gov> .

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress