

March 15, 2010

Congressman Charlie Melancon  
404 Cannon House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515-1807

RE: Healthcare reform

Dear Congressman Melancon,

The Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce currently represents more than 900 businesses which employ more than 30 thousand residents in the Bayou Region.

To date, our Chamber has not taken a position on health care reform because the issues seem to change on a weekly, if not daily basis. With that said, the latest news coming from Washington, D.C. is that the House of Representatives will pass the Senate version of the bill so that the Senate can use "reconciliation" to pass the bill with only 51 votes.

Everyone agrees that changes are needed to make the U.S. health care system more efficient and affordable, but this is not a bipartisan plan. Forcing the Senate bill through the House and then using the nuclear option to make adjustments is the wrong approach.

The Chamber is asking that you not only vote "NO" on this option but work diligently to stop this movement.

Sincerely,



Dr. Glenn Manceaux  
Chairman of the Board



Drake Pothier  
President & CEO