

DR. JAMES VELTMAYER — FOR CONGRESS —

Dear Dr. _____:

I was shocked but not surprised to learn recently that 43% of doctors plan to retire within the next five years. Every day, I talk to my fellow physicians who express their frustration and almost helplessness in the face of government and insurance company regulations interfering with their ability to treat their patients.

The developments in medicine over the last several years – especially since the advent of the Affordable Care Act – have certainly contributed greatly to the sense that doctors are losing control, increasingly unable to care for those who have entrusted them with their care. People are suffering and dying every day as rationed care in America becomes more and more of a reality.

I should know this as I have lived through this nightmare myself, with my wife Laura’s sad story of third-party interference in her health care, unnecessarily denying critical testing and treatment.

I did not devote over a decade of my life or incur hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical school debt only to see my hands tied by faceless government bureaucrats and lavishly-compensated insurance company commissars when I try to care for my patients.

Neither did you.

I did not make the decision to become a physician only to spend countless hours of my day trying to justify my medical decisions to bureaucrats, beg for insurance companies to agree to necessary treatments, determine who is or isn’t “in the network,” or navigate through a blizzard of paperwork, protocols, and diagnostic codes.

Neither did you.

I became a doctor to heal the sick and save lives.

So did you.

Unfortunately, unless things change and change quickly, Americans face a bleak future of doctor shortages, profit-maximizing corporate care, rationing, and uncontrolled costs. This will occur even though scientific and technological breakthroughs are happening almost daily which allow us to extend people's lives and improve the quality of their care.

That's the main reason I have decided to enter the race for Congress in the 52nd District next year. I believe that with so many of the problems impacting our profession coming from our nation's capital, it really is time for a Doctor in the House (of Representatives)!

With a seat in Congress, I can more effectively work for legislation like my "Health Care by the People, for the People" direct-payer health reform plan to roll back government and insurance company control of medicine and restore the doctor-patient relationship. My plan will not only end third-party interference in health care, it will liberate physicians from stifling regulations and mandates, improve choice, promote competition and price transparency, and bring down insurance premiums and deductibles.

The direct-payer system will replace the failed third-party payer system and the impossibly bad single-payer plan now being debated in political circles. We must have a third choice between the "heads" of third-party payer and "tails" of single-payer. Either way, you and your patients lose!

Will you consider making a contribution to my campaign today? The maximum permissible contribution is \$2,700 per individual per election.

I need to raise \$100,000 by December 31 to demonstrate that our campaign can be successful and to attract national funds for this race. Can you write a check for \$2,700 or even \$5,400 for a couple today?

Even if you can only afford \$1,000, \$500 or even \$100 right now, please take out your checkbook and make your check out to Veltmeyer for Congress 2018 or contribute online at www.VeltmeyerforCongress.com

Thank you in advance for your support for my campaign and the cause of true health care reform in America and feel free to contact me at 619-647-6420 if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

James D. Veltmeyer, MD