

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA), the Ranking Member on the House Immigration Subcommittee, today spoke against illegal aliens receiving health care benefits under President Obama's health care reform proposal:

“Americans are frustrated by an Administration and a liberal Congress that insists on passing a flawed health care bill rejected by a large majority of Americans on both sides of the political fence,” King said. “Without appropriate citizen verification requirements, this failed bill will provide health benefits to illegal aliens and will become a launching pad for the Obama Administration's amnesty agenda. ‘Rahming’ a bill benefiting illegal aliens through Congress would be the ultimate insult to frustrated citizens.”

According to the Congressional Budget Office's calculations, the original Senate health care bill that passed in December 2009 could give up to 6.1 million illegal immigrants access to health benefits.

“Taxpaying families, already weighed down by bailouts and massive spending bills, cannot afford to pay for health insurance for millions of illegal aliens,” King said. “It is wrong to reward immigration law breakers. Americans have rejected amnesty in 2006 and 2007, and they will reject it again if the Obama Administration forces it upon them.”