

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today signed the Let Freedom Ring Health Care Reform Pledge. The Pledge is available at <http://www.letfreedomringusa.com/pledge-to-read>

. By signing, Congressman King pledges to oppose any health care proposal he has not read and that is not publicly available for at least 72 hours before a vote in Congress. King's statement follows:

“Liberals have put forth a health care plan that will empower Washington bureaucrats to control our health care system. To pay for their plan, liberals are proposing more job-killing tax hikes – up to an additional 5.4 percent – on the engine of economic growth in America: small businesses. This plan will decrease the quality of our health care, cost American jobs and raise our taxes to pay for more Washington spending.

“A massive government health care takeover like this should not be considered lightly. Signing this pledge is an indication of how seriously I take all attempts to reform our health care system. Americans cannot allow a bloated, big-government proposal to slip through without appropriate review.

“I support health care reform that strengthens, not hurts, the relationship between patients and doctors. Patients and their families need to be able to make health care decisions based on consultations with doctors. We do not need Washington bureaucrats deciding what we can and cannot do.”