

**WASHINGTON, DC - House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement today on the House Tri-Committee's introduction of America's Affordable Health Choices Act:**

"From President Obama to every Democrat in Congress, we are committed to reforming health care. The House is passing a reform bill this summer, and today's introduction of legislation is progress on the way towards that goal.

"This legislation will ensure peace of mind, quality care, and reliable coverage that can never be taken away. It will protect and expand patients' rights to choose their own doctor and health plan. And it will bring down health care's crippling costs. Today, those costs strain the budgets of middle-class families and threaten our businesses' competitiveness; but through an expanded pool of insured Americans, a focus on preventive care, and investments in research to help patients and doctors choose the best treatments, we can get those costs under control.

"Of course, health care reform is a major undertaking - we always expected strong debate and discussion along the way, and that's what we're getting. Moving forward, Members will continue working on this legislation. In a process this critical and this complex, we will no doubt see changes as we work to achieve the goal of quality, affordable care for all.

"But what is more important is that every member of our Caucus wants health care reform to pass. And we will be tireless in making sure that happens-because our economy, our budget, and the health and security of millions of middle-class families are riding on the outcome."

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