

Who Will They Believe?

WILL THE SENATE FALL FOR THE HMO BIG LIE?



The debate over patients' rights has come down to a simple issue:

Who's telling the truth to the American people? Doctors who care for them or insurers who want to deny them their rights as patients?

They're even spreading a Big Lie that making health plans accountable for their own negligence will put employers at greater risk, too.

That's a lie! The truth is exactly the opposite.

The bipartisan Norwood-Dingell bill that passed the House with 275 votes provides strong protections for employers.

In fact, the only way employers would be held liable is if they directly participate in making a decision about an employee's health care. And that's about as likely to happen as an HMO executive taking a cut in pay.

The great majority of voters believe HMOs are "hurting" health care, are too influential and are out of step with the need to protect America's patients and their families.

Whose side is the U.S. Senate on? HMO fat cats or the people back home who elected them?

It's time for the Senate to pass a **real** patients' bill of rights.

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