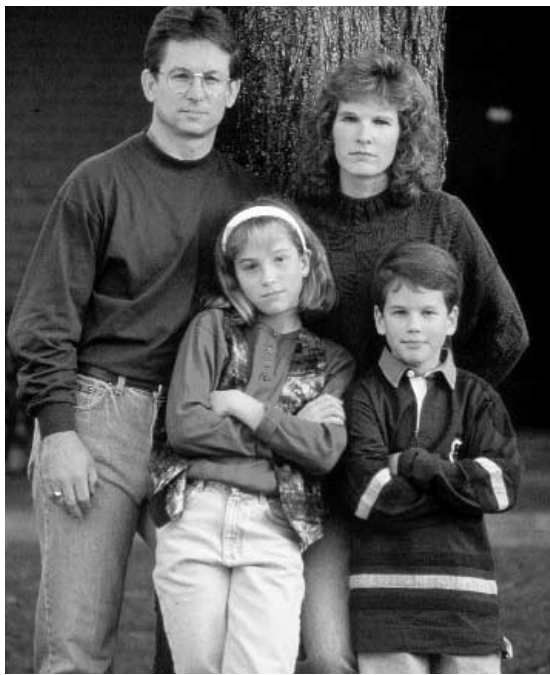


How Many Americans
Have Had Their
Health Care Delayed
or Denied Since
the House Passed
Norwood-Dingell?

...18,257,281

As of 5:00 PM Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000*



Why Won't the Senate Act?

The House of Representatives passed a real patients' bill of rights by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of 275 votes.

That was more than one year ago — October 7, 1999.

Now a bipartisan majority of the Senate also supports a real patients' bill of rights. And surveys show that 87 percent of voters say they want these patient protections.

But a stubborn minority in the Senate insists on thwarting the will of the majority.

Their priorities are questionable. In fact, Congress is about to give big HMOs billions of dollars in Balanced Budget Act relief, while giving individual patients...nothing.

More than 18 million unprotected Americans and their families have had their health care delayed or denied just since Norwood-Dingell passed the House. That's...

- 49,562 a day
- 2,065 an hour
- 34 a minute
- 1 new case every 1.74 seconds

(*Sources: US Census Bureau, Kaiser Family Foundation, Families USA)

There is still time for the Senate and the 106th Congress to do the right thing and pass meaningful patients' rights legislation that can become law.

The Senate leadership blockade must end. Pass a real patients' bill of rights — now.

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