



Statement from Justin Coussoule on Passage of Health Reform Bill

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“Last night's vote made history, achieving what American leaders have sought to do for 100 years. Families in the 8th District and across the country will see immediate benefits. Children with chronic conditions will no longer be denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions, a benefit that will soon expand to all Americans. Young adults, struggling to find jobs in this tough economy, can now be covered under their parents' plans for much longer. And seniors will no longer struggle to pay for prescriptions as the “donut-hole” in prescription coverage will be closed over the coming years.”

“In the long-term, residents will see improved coverage, with insurance regulations that eliminate the worst practices of insurance companies, including the practice of dropping coverage when consumers become very ill. And the bill extends coverage to 32 million Americans who currently have no insurance, achieving near universal coverage and ensuring that Americans will no longer face bankruptcy due to unforeseen medical costs.”

“Despite claims to the contrary, the bill also will help to reduce health care costs and lower the deficit. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill will reduce the deficit by \$143 billion in the first ten years, and then by \$1.2 trillion in the following decade.”

“Last night's victory over obstructionism recommit us to core American values because we are all truly interconnected, especially when it comes to health care, and we can all benefit when we're all in the system together.”

A West Pointer and former Army captain, Justin Coussoule (pronounced kuh-SOO-lee) is the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth Congressional District. Following his military service, Coussoule practiced law, fighting to ensure injured workers received just compensation, and opened a small business in Massachusetts before moving to Southwest Ohio. He currently works for a global consumer products company in Cincinnati. Coussoule lives in Liberty Township with his wife, Amanda, and their two young children.

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