

THREE SIMPLE WORDS

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I'm standing before you this afternoon, not as a physician, but as a concerned American. My ancestors crossed the Atlantic to this continent in 1702. Their descendants fought in a bloody Revolution against unfair taxation.

In 1787 a group of statesmen signed the U. S. Constitution expecting to provide a permanent guarantee of the political liberties achieved in that bloody Revolution. That document begins with three simple words - WE THE PEOPLE - not We the government, nor We the Congress, but We the people.

The current President of the United States recently signed a document into law. It reads: A Bill - To provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending and - it ends the three simple words - FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This Bill orders 34 Billion of your tax dollars to be deposited into a Public Health Investment Fund. It goes on to say it wants "Budget Neutrality" and will need to be tested to see if it's budget neutral with respect to its expenditures. For example, if Medicare does not improve quality care without increasing spending, it can be modified or terminated. 500 Million dollars will be spent measuring that quality. That's 500 Million dollars FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

This Bill allots 750 million dollars in **Grants for quality home visitation programs for families with young children and families expecting children to teach age-appropriate behavior et al.** That money is not going to treat the sick and injured. It's not going to diagnose or treat cancer. It's not providing kids' care. It's going to hire people to invade the privacy of your home and tell you how to raise your children. It's FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

We've heard about the **Scholarship Repayment Loans** - 2.3 Billion of your tax dollars. That's money FOR OTHER PURPOSES, not for providing health care to all Americans.

Grants for training in Public Health - 283 Million of your tax dollars over a five-year period of time. Again, not one dime of this 283 Million dollars is allotted to providing health care to any American. It's FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

My personal favorite - **Diversity training programs for cultural and linguistic competency along the U.S./Mexico border** - 505 Million tax dollars. I guarantee that money isn't being siphoned from your taxes 'cause I ain't speaking English too good. And it certainly isn't going to health care. It's FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The 4 Billion dollars I've mentioned is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the waste of taxpayers' money in this Bill. There are programs inside this Bill having nothing to do with providing health care to the American people, programs designed FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Those three simple words dictate its real intent - to undermine the foundation of our U. S.

Constitution, to violate the rights of the individual States, and to create a tax system not only unbearable, but unlawful.

Anyone who believes this Bill was created to provide health care to the American people is seriously delusional. This Bill is a cancer. If it's allowed to spread in 2014, this free nation of ours will not have long to survive. There is a treatment, possibly a cure. It was written in 1787 and begins with three simple words - WE THE PEOPLE! Thank you and God bless!