

Mollohan in Line with Nancy Pelosi not West Virginia

"Voters tell Mollohan no to health care bill"

CHARLESTON, WV - AUGUST 18, 2009 - Friday evening Congressman Alan Mollohan held a town hall meeting in Wheeling to discuss the Heath Care bill. The hall quickly filled up and an overflow area had to be used. The majority of those in attendance were against the bill and many had ideas on how to reduce health care cost and improve coverage.



The first question of the evening to Mollohan was "If there is a government-run health care program created, will you get on it?" He talked about options, but never answered the yes or no question directly as the crowd wanted and they let the Congressman know they didn't like his answer.

[Audio of Cindy Frich former delegate member asking a question.](#)

People of all ages were trying to put through the message to the Congressman that they don't want government control of their health care. 17-year-old, Danielle McArdle, said "I don't think it is right for them to make me go on the government plan." Retired, physician Dr. Richard Kerr stated, "There are some problems with health care in this country, but to destroy our entire system just to address a few problems is going way too far." After listening to the debate, West Virginia Chairman Doug McKinney said, "We are hearing the same message from those just getting ready to start their life in the work force, to those retired from the work force and the message is the same, keep government out of health care."

Near the end a woman asked how Congressman Mollohan would vote on the bill. Instead of giving a Yes or No answer he gave a long winded response on how he liked the plan stating, "I am absolutely committed to addressing health care." The woman asked again, "Then you're going to vote yes, irregardless of what your constituents want?" Mollohan replied "what we are addressing is in the mainstream of public tradition." The woman then made a point to ask if he was up for re-election in 12, and Mollohan replied 10.

The Congressman said he would take one last question and called on a gentleman that said in business he looked for cost savings. The gentleman then asked if tort reform would be included in the bill. Mollohan, a lawyer, simply thanked the crowd for coming totally ignoring the man's question.

Doug McKinney remarked, "The people have seen how poorly government agencies are run. They are telling our Congressman they are fearful of a government run health care system. Mollohan's job is to take our views back to Washington, but he is not listening and the people are finally noticing Mollohan represents the views of Nancy Pelosi and not West Virginia values."

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