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Tom Allen

Tom Allen was re-elected in 2006 as Representative of Maine's First Congressional District. In the 109th Congress, Representative Allen sat on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the subcommittees on Energy and Air Quality, Environmental and Hazardous Materials, and Oversight and Investigations. He was also Co-Chairman of the House Affordable Medicines Task Force and the Bipartisan House Oceans Caucus. In June 2003, he introduced the Prescription Drug Comparative Effectiveness Act, a bipartisan initiative to authorize funding for studies on prescription drugs that account for high levels of expenditures or use by individuals in federally funded health programs. In March 2005, he introduced the Medicare Dual Eligible Prescription Drug Coverage Act to create a six-month transition period for "dual eligibles," Medicaid recipients who qualify for the prescription drug benefit established under the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act. Representative Allen graduated from Bowdoin College in 1967. After earning a B.Phil in Politics as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, he worked for Senator Muskie and then attended Harvard Law School, graduating in 1974. He served on the City Council and as Mayor of Portland.

Tammy Baldwin

Tammy Baldwin was first elected to Congress in 1998 as the first woman to serve in the House of Representatives from Wisconsin. She serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce and has a seat on its Subcommittee on Health. In the 109th Congress, Baldwin led a bipartisan working group that drafted The Health Partnership through Creative Federalism Act (H.R. 5864), a bipartisan health care reform bill Baldwin introduced with Dr. Tom Price (R-GA) that will empower states, with federal support, to develop creative methods to cover their uninsured residents. Baldwin and Price plan to reintroduce the bill in the 110th. Tammy Baldwin received an A.B. degree from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1984 with majors in government and mathematics. In 1989, while an active member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, she earned her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and practiced law from 1989-1992. She served four terms as a Dane County Supervisor and three terms as a State Representative for the 78th Assembly District of Wisconsin.

Michael C. Burgess

Michael Burgess was first elected in 2002 to represent the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of Texas. During his first term he served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Government Reform Committee and the Science Committee. In the 109th Congress, Representative Burgess served as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee as well as the subcommittees on Health, Energy, and Oversight and Investigations. In addition, he chaired the Republican House Policy Committee's Subcommittee on Medicare and Medicaid Services. Representative Burgess is the founder of a private practice, former Chief of Staff for Lewisville Medical Center, and served as Chief of Obstetrics at Lewisville Medical Center. He also served as President of the Denton County Medical Society.

Representative Burgess graduated with both an undergraduate and a Masters degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. He received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Representative Burgess received another Masters degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2000.

Donna Christensen

Donna Christensen is currently serving her sixth term as Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands. Delegate Christensen is the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory, and the first woman Delegate from the United States Virgin Islands. In the 109th Congress, Delegate Christensen served on the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Small Businesses and on the Homeland Security Committee. Delegate Christensen began her medical career in the Virgin Islands in 1975 as an emergency room physician. She served as staff physician at the Maternal & Child Health program, Medical Director of the Nesbitt Clinic in Frederiksted, Director of the Frederiksted Health Center, Director of Maternal and Child Health and Family Planning, served as the Medical Director of the St. Croix Hospital and rounded out her medical career as the Territorial Assistant Commissioner of Health and as the Acting Commissioner of Health. She earned a Bachelor of Science in 1966 at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She earned an M.D. in 1970 from George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Jim Cooper

Jim Cooper is serving his third term as Representative for Tennessee's Fifth Congressional District, although his prior service in Congress gives him nine terms of experience. Representative Cooper serves on two different committees: the Armed Services Committee and the Budget Committee. He also serves on the Terrorism and Special Forces Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. In previous terms, he served on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where he was a major figure in the Clinton-era debate on universal health care coverage. In addition to serving in Congress, Representative Cooper is an adjunct professor at the Owen School of Management at Vanderbilt University, where he taught health care policy to M.B.A. and Executive M.B.A. students. He holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, a B.A./M.A. from Oxford and a J.D. from Harvard. At age 28, Representative Cooper was the youngest congressman in America at the time of his first election.

Diana DeGette

Diana DeGette began her first term in Congress in 1997 as Representative of Colorado's First District. In the 109th Congress, Representative DeGette sat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and the subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations, Health, and Commerce, Trade and Consumer protections. She also served as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, the largest congressional member congress, and the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus. While Co-Chairman of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, Representative DeGette advocated for expansion of diabetes care and research, particularly for lower-income and minority communities. As one of Congress's leading experts on stem cell research, Representative DeGette has fought to increase federal support for expanding stem cell research in the United States. She also led efforts to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health insurance to low-income children up to age 18. Representative DeGette received her B.A. magna cum laude from Colorado College in 1979 and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1982. She served two terms in the

Colorado House of Representatives, where she served as Assistant Minority Leader from 1993-1995.

Steve Kagen, M.D.

Dr. Steve Kagen was elected in 2006 as Representative of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District. Dr. Kagen's successful campaign for Congress featured his No Patient Left Behind™ initiative, which contains the five essential elements necessary to guarantee both universal coverage and access to affordable care for every citizen: (1) open disclosure of all prices in healthcare, everywhere in the United States, (2) unitary pricing - where every citizen pays the same openly disclosed price for the same medical service or product, (3) formation of a single insurance risk pool - with no cherry-picking - such that if you're a citizen, you're in, (4) deductible rates set at 3% of a household's taxable federal income, and (5) a renewed commitment to cover all those in need, including all uninsured children and working parents. Before coming to the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Kagen founded the Kagen Allergy Clinics in Appleton, Green Bay, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac and served as an assistant clinical professor of Allergy - Immunology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is triple board certified in Internal Medicine, Allergy Asthma & Immunology, and Diagnostic Laboratory Immunology. Steve was voted one of the "Best Doctors in America," discovered many new causes of asthma and allergy, and served for seven years as the exclusive Allergy Consultant to CNN, Airport News, CNN Headline News, and CNN Interactive. Dr. Kagen began working at the Foremost Dairy as a Teamster, and later earned an Honors Degree in Molecular Biology and his Medical Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

Patrick Kennedy

Patrick Kennedy is currently serving his seventh term in Congress as the representative from the First District of Rhode Island. In the 109th Congress, Representative Kennedy sat on the House Appropriations Committee, as well as the Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and on Science, State, Commerce, and Justice. While in office, health care reform has been one of Representative Kennedy's top priorities. Kennedy co-authored the *21st Century Health Information Act* to create health information networks and promote the adoption of health information technology, legislation that garnered broad bipartisan support, including the support of former Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senator Hillary Clinton. Kennedy wrote the *Josie King Act*, legislation that would transform health care delivery by developing new tools and incentives to make quality of care, patient safety, and efficiency the paramount priorities of the system. Most recently he introduced the *Personalized Health Information Act* to accelerate the use of web-based personal health records by patients and their doctors. Kennedy has also championed prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, especially asthma and blood cancers. Kennedy has been particularly renowned as the leading champion in Congress for improved access to quality mental health and addiction care. He is the chief House sponsor of legislation to end insurance discrimination against patients with mental illnesses and addictions, which has gained majority support three Congresses in a row. He has written numerous pieces of legislation to address mental health needs in various settings and for a range of populations. Kennedy is the co-founder and co-chairman of the House 21st Century Health Care Caucus and the House Addiction Treatment and Recovery Caucus and the recipient of many awards for championing improved health. In 2006 he was named the 15th most powerful person in health care by *Modern Healthcare* magazine. Prior to becoming a member of Congress he was elected three times to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, first at the age of 21. Representative Kennedy is a graduate of Providence College.

Dan Lipinski

Congressman Daniel Lipinski is a proud native of Illinois' Third Congressional District and has served as its Representative since 2005. In the 109th Congress, he served on the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science. In December 2006, Congressman Lipinski secured a seat on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 110th Congress. In addition to his leadership on transportation, small business, and science issues, Congressman Lipinski has made health care reform a top priority. Accordingly, the first piece of legislation he introduced was The Hospital Price Disclosure Act which would require price transparency by hospitals, giving Americans more information to help them make their health care decisions. Lipinski has also been active in cosponsoring and supporting other vital health care legislation such as the Fair Care for the Uninsured Act, aimed at helping millions of uninsured Americans obtain coverage for themselves and their families. As the 110th Congress begins, Representative Lipinski remains committed to improving our nation's health care system and fighting to make the system work better for all Americans. Congressman Lipinski earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University, a Master's Degree in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University, and a PhD in Political Science from Duke University. He and his wife, Judy, currently reside in Western Springs, IL.

Carolyn McCarthy

Carolyn McCarthy is currently serving her fifth term as Representative of New York's Fourth Congressional District. In the 109th Congress she served on the Education and Workforce Committee and the Financial Services Committee. Representative McCarthy was a key figure in the passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which contained her provisions to fund school nurses, after-school care and teacher mentoring programs. She has also worked on the overhaul of the Higher Education Act, which provides a framework for the federal student loan program. She is a co-sponsor of two bills that would give seniors the same flexibility the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit provides for big drug companies. Under these pieces of legislation, seniors enrolled in a Medicare drug plan would be able move into another plan if they are unhappy with the plan they have selected. These bills will also give seniors an additional two years to select a plan that's right for them. Representative McCarthy had led a mostly quiet life as a nurse, mother and housewife until she was thrust into the spotlight on December 7, 1993. On that day, her husband was killed and her son injured when a crazed gunman randomly shot into a rush hour commuter train returning from New York City to Long Island. Rather than allow this tragedy to defeat her, she turned the incident into a public campaign against gun violence.

Tom Price

Tom Price was elected to Congress from Georgia's Sixth Congressional District in 2004. Prior to that, he served in the Georgia Senate where he was elected twice as Minority Whip and in 2002 as the first Republican Majority Leader in the history of Georgia. As a medical doctor, Representative Price is a leader in the healthcare arena. His credits include legislative efforts to increase patient choice in a more flexible healthcare system, to enact Medical Savings Accounts, and to reform the Medicaid System in Georgia. He has been the leading sponsor of civil justice reform legislation to ensure patient access to quality health care and bring down skyrocketing medical malpractice premiums. Representative Price received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan and completed his Orthopedic Surgery residency at Emory University. He established an orthopedic clinic just north of Atlanta. After nearly twenty years of private practice he returned to Emory University School of Medicine as

an Assistant Professor. He was most recently Medical Director of the Orthopedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, teaching resident doctors in training.

Jan Schakowsky

Jan Schakowsky is currently serving her fifth term as Representative of Illinois' Ninth Congressional District. During the 109th Congress, Representative Schakowsky served on the House Democratic Leadership team as Chief Deputy Whip and as a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee. She has worked hard on her top priority in Congress -- providing universal healthcare coverage for all Americans. A champion for the nation's seniors, Representative Schakowsky is actively engaged in the campaign for seniors and persons with disabilities to access affordable prescription drugs. She is also working to ensure that seniors receive quality home, hospice, and nursing care. Prior to her election to Congress, she represented the 18th District in the Illinois General Assembly for eight years. She served as a Democratic Floor Leader and as Secretary of the Conference of Women Legislators. Representative Schakowsky also served as Director of the Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens, where she organized across the state for lower cost prescription drugs and tax relief for seniors, financial protection for the spouses of nursing home residents and other benefits for the elderly. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1965 with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

George Voinovich

George Voinovich is currently serving in his second term as Senator from Ohio. In the 109th Congress, Senator Voinovich served as a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee as well as Chairman of the Select Committee on Ethics. Senator Voinovich also served as Chairman of both the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change and Nuclear Safety and the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia. With half of all federal employees eligible for retirement over the coming years, Senator Voinovich is working to make sure this wave of retirements does not undermine our national security and cripple the federal government's ability to provide basic, needed services like Social Security and Medicare. In 2003, he helped to pass the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA), which helped make prescription drugs more affordable for all of today's Medicare beneficiaries and enhanced coverage for low-income individuals. Senator Voinovich holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Ohio University and a law degree from The Ohio State University.

David Wu

David Wu is currently serving his fifth term as Representative for Oregon's First Congressional District. In the 109th Congress, he served on the Education and the Workforce Committee, the Science Committee, and also was the Ranking Member on the Environment, Technology and Standards Subcommittee. Congressman Wu believes everyone should have access to quality health care. He supported the creation of a prescription drug benefit for seniors and is actively working to improve the law in ways that will bring greater savings to all Americans. He also has worked on health insurance portability for individuals changing jobs and equal coverage for mental health benefits. Congressman Wu has introduced legislation to advance the use of electronic records across health systems, a move that will bring greater efficiency to the health care industry. While the use of electronic health systems is gaining momentum, no one is addressing the workforce concerns. Congressman Wu's legislation would train 10,000 health care information technology professionals by 2010 to create a workforce capable of innovating, implementing, and using electronic health systems. Representative Wu is the first

and only Chinese-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He received a Bachelor of Science from Stanford University in 1977, attended Harvard Medical School, and received a law degree from Yale University in 1982.