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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Landrieu:

We urge you to support the Nelson-Hatch Amendment to H.R. 3590, Senator Reid's health care reform legislation.

Similar to the Stupak Amendment from the House, which passed the House by a bipartisan margin of 240-194 with every member of the Louisiana delegation voting in support, the Nelson-Hatch Amendment would prohibit the government funding of abortion by:

- Permanently prohibiting the new federal government insurance program, the "public option," from paying for abortion, except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest; and
- Permanently prohibiting the use of the new federal premium subsidies ("affordability credits") to purchase private insurance plans that cover abortion (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest).

Throughout your career, and as recently as the Town Hall in Reserve, you have stated that you oppose the government funding of abortion. ***When it comes to health care reform legislation, the Nelson-Hatch Amendment is the only language that protects health care reform legislation from allowing the government funding of abortion.***

Without this amendment, the Senate health care reform legislation would usher in a new era of government funding of abortion. Because of this, any vote against the Nelson-Hatch Amendment is a vote in favor of government funding of abortion.

If this amendment does not pass, we will be forced to ask you to oppose final passage of H.R. 3590.

Your support is critical. Thank you for your consideration, and please inform us on where you stand on this issue.

Sincerely,

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