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Spotlight on Health Care

In November 2009, the [House passed health care reform legislation](#) . As a member of the [Energy and Commerce](#) [committee](#) [I incorporated](#) [several Vermont ideas](#) [that](#) [require the federal government to negotiate prescription drug prices](#) [allow young people through the age of 26](#) [to remain on their parents' health insurance](#) [and](#) [repeal the health insurance industry's exemption](#) [from the individual mandate](#) .

"Like most Vermonters, I believe affordable access to quality health care is a fundamental right of all Americans. My work on this critical issue – in Vermont and now in Congress – has long been guided by three principles: everybody must be covered, everybody must contribute based upon his or her ability to pay, and coverage need not be related to employment. I will continue to push for comprehensive reform of our health care system to achieve quality, affordable care for all Vermonters and all Americans. And I will continue to bring Vermont's values and successes in improving health care to the national stage."

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Rep. Welch's Recent Work on Health Care

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