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The Honorable Troy R. King
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Dear Mr. Attorney General,

Today the Democrat majority on the Rules Committee under Chairwoman Louise Slaughter is expected to adopt the so-called "Slaughter Solution" which would use the dubious "deem and pass" method to avoid a vote by the full House on the Senate health care bill. Using this method would allow a government takeover of one-sixth of the United States economy without a direct vote by Members of Congress and further erode public confidence in our government.

As you know, Article I, Section 7 of the United States Constitution requires legislation to pass both houses of Congress and be signed by the President. Congress can certainly make its own rules under the Constitution, but those rules must comply with the Constitutional mandates. "Deeming" a bill to have passed without a direct vote is in contravention of these Constitutional requirements. Certainly, the 13 original states did not use the "deem and pass" method to ratify the Constitution.

It is imperative that the United States Congress abide by the constitution; my constituents deserve no less. Should this flawed legislation become law using this parliamentary trick, I strongly encourage you to seek appropriate legal remedies to challenge the constitutionality of this process. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,


Spencer Bachus
Member of Congress

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