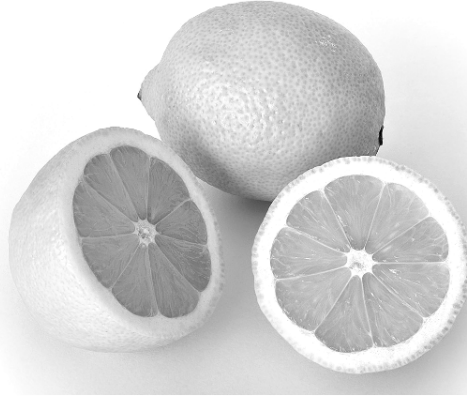


# The Finance Bill: It's a Lemon

77% of Americans want a public health insurance option!<sup>1</sup>



“If [Congress] fails to create a public insurance option to compete with private insurers, the bill it sends to the president might as well be called the **Insurance Industry Profit Protection and Enhancement Act.**”

“The Baucus plan ... would create a government-subsidized monopoly for the purchase of bare-bones, high-deductible policies that would truly benefit Big Insurance. In other words, insurers would win; your constituents would lose.”

–Wendell Potter, former Vice President of Corporate Communications for CIGNA<sup>2</sup>

“**The right way to create competition is to offer a public option**, a government-run insurance plan individuals can buy into as an alternative to private insurance. The Baucus plan instead proposes a fake alternative, nonprofit insurance cooperatives — and it places so many restrictions on these cooperatives that, according to the Congressional Budget Office, they ‘seem unlikely to establish a significant market presence in many areas of the country.’”

–Paul Krugman, Nobel Prize Winner in Economics<sup>3</sup>

“Expect a rocky mark-up next week. As one top Democrat told me, the fundamental problem is that Democrats ‘are being asked to support **a bipartisan bill that doesn’t have bipartisan support.**’ The compromise without the cover.”

–George Stephanopoulos, ABC News<sup>4</sup>

“A long-awaited plan to revamp health care got **a tepid response from lawmakers** Wednesday ...”

–USA Today<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.moveon.org/r?r=51799>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.moveon.org/r?r=84743>

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.moveon.org/r?r=84747>