

Dear Editor –

President Obama has repeatedly promised that Americans (1) wouldn't see a tax increase if they make less than \$250,000 and (2) if they like their health insurance, they can keep it.

It seems now that the President has no intention of keeping those promises. The health care legislation which he supports would impose a significant tax hike on individuals making more than \$85,000. Additionally, for senior citizens Medicare will face more than \$400 billion in lost benefits. It seems that taxpayers and seniors now face new promises from Mr. Obama: higher taxes on the middle class and increased cost, reduced access, watered-down quality and rationed care for patients.

Finally, more than 182 members of Congress support a three day waiting period on health care legislation so that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) can estimate its cost and so that Congress and the American public can read the final legislation. With health care legislation frequently longer than Tolstoy's *War and Peace*, a three-day waiting period so that legislators can read it seems like a good idea—particularly so when taxpayers will be asked to pay \$800,000,000,000 or more. Amazingly, several Congressional leaders think otherwise.

This is irresponsible governing—and it certainly fails President Obama's campaign promise of legislative transparency. Government-run health care isn't right and it isn't fair. As taxpayers and patients, we simply can't afford government-run health care.

Sincerely,