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Explaining the Town Hall Protests
***Wall Street Journal* Commentary by NCPA's John Goodman**

DALLAS, TX (August 22, 2009) In today's *Wall Street Journal*, National Center for Policy Analysis President John C. Goodman takes an insiders look at the town hall attendees who are speaking up at these August meetings all over the country.

“But who are they really? What motivates them? And why are they so angry?” asks Goodman. And, he provides answers from the unique perspective of one that has heard from more than 1.1 million Americans who are concerned and angry about the health care reforms proposed by Congressional leaders that would result in a government run health care system.

On September 9, the NCPA will deliver what we expect will be the largest policy petition ever presented to Congress, with a goal of **1.5 million signatures**. Today, there are **1.135 million signatures** on the *Save Our Health Care Now!* petition that calls for free-market health care reform. This is one of the biggest grassroots efforts in the summer health reform debate and the petition drive has gained support from a broad base of groups, as Dr. Goodman outlines in today's *Wall Street Journal*. The petition site is www.freeourhealthcarenow.com

The Wall St. Journal online:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204884404574362333085067364.html?mod=googlene_ws_wsj

To talk to John Goodman about the latest developments in the health reform debate or find out more about the September 9th event on Capitol Hill, contact Catherine Daniell.

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