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TO: Interested Parties
FR: Future Majority
RE: Four Common Sense Solutions to Address Healthcare in the U.S.

There is great enthusiasm to improve America's healthcare system. Healthcare is consistently reported by voters as a top issue. While Democrats are largely united on the importance of delivering improvements to America's healthcare system, there are differences in how to achieve a commonly shared value that every American deserves affordable and quality healthcare.

Future Majority surveyed 1,335 voters from June 6-10, 2021 in the 37 congressional districts won or lost by 5 points to understand voter attitudes on an array of issues. The survey asked voters about their opinion on several outside-the-box solutions to improve America's healthcare system. Here are four solutions that earned overwhelming support of voters:

The Federal Employees Health Care Exchange: The United States can advance healthcare coverage in several ways. One solution to achieving this long-term goal is by expanding the choices under the Affordable Care Act by providing a new public option for Americans to enroll in the highly successful Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB). The FEHB currently offers group coverage to cabinet members, White House staff, and all other civilian employees of the federal government. **86% of voters support** allowing Americans to buy into the same health insurance program that government employees receive. [Read Future Majority's analysis](#) of this proposal by Dr. Robert Shapiro, a former senior economic advisor for President Bill Clinton and President Obama.

Take on Pharmacy Benefit Managers to Lower Drug Costs: Two recent articles addressing alleged corruption by pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, caught our attention. Several states are investigating the business practices of these big insurance middlemen – in some cases seeking millions of dollars in damages for misleading states' Medicaid programs about pharmacy-related costs. In our most recent survey of swing congressional voters, **85% of all voters (92% Democrats, 90% Independents, and 83% Republicans) support** the federal government investigating whether they are rigging the system to raise prices of prescription drugs. 62% *strongly support* the investigation, enabled by the bi-partisan Prescription Pricing for the People Act, led by Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and co-sponsored by Sens. Blackburn, Blumenthal, Ernst, Tillis, and Whitehouse. While most voters are not familiar with PBMs, 50% of respondents to our voter survey believe this investigation would help lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Ending Surprise Billing: In our Compact for the American Future released last year, we urged Congress to make real on their promise to end surprise billing by requiring patients to be notified before an out-of-network charge is applied and banning out-of-network charges when patients don't have control over which doctor, such as in emergency hospital visits. This remains a top priority for voters. In our latest survey of swing congressional district voters, **92% of respondents (95% Democrats, 92% of Independents, and 88% of GOP) support** prohibiting health insurance companies and medical providers from adding charges to medical bills that



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were not disclosed before patients received care.

Enacting a Veterans Bill of Rights: Congress should take immediate action to address the health of our nation's veterans by enacting a Veterans Bill of Rights to tackle underinsurance and increase access to critical mental health care for veterans. In our latest survey of swing congressional district voters, a Veterans Bill of Rights that increases access to healthcare, prevents suicide, and improves access to mental health services earned the **support of 93% of all voters**, including 98% of Democrats, 96% of Independents, and 94% of Republicans. 77% of all voters strongly support the proposal.

As Democrats in Washington debate President Biden's American Families Plan and its provisions to address inadequacies in American healthcare, it is crucial they think outside the box and offer new solutions to a decades-old problem and offer solutions to build a consensus. Americans are tired of inaction. 65% of swing district voters say the government is not working well for them and 70% say the government isn't accountable. 90% of voters say their incomes are either falling behind or staying even with the cost of living (60% say falling behind).

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it increasingly clear that we have work to do to fix our healthcare system. These solutions are common-sense and will support Americans today and our future generations. But only if we act – and it is up to the Democrats to deliver for the American people.

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