

A STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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Governor Felix P. Camacho joined with Republican governors across the nation in objection to “unfunded mandates” in reference to the health care proposals being discussed in the U.S. Senate that seek to expand Medicare and offer insurance for those in need while imposing the costs on states:

“The rising cost of the uninsured on Guam and throughout the United States threatens to cripple local governments with limited financial resources and ever-increasing needs.

A national commitment to reform health care is needed, but that commitment can’t mean that the federal government will increase health care costs to local governments and stick us with the tab. Though it’s difficult to fully comprehend the impacts of the proposed health care reform until it is in its final state, I believe America has inspired the greatest advances in medical science because we leave health care decisions to no one else but doctors and their patients.”

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