

United States Senate

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Phillip L. Swagel, Ph.D.
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Congressional Budget Office
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Dear Director Swagel:

As Governor of Florida and now as U.S. Senator, every decision I make is based on what is in the best interest of Florida families. The money we spend in government must get a return for the taxpayers. In order to understand the return on investment and make the most informed decisions, lawmakers must have all the necessary information. Providing Congress with essential data and information is the main responsibility of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

Before Congress right now, there are several "Medicare for All" bills. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), the Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee, has introduced the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (S. 1129) in the Senate. Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) has introduced the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384) in the House. Any large-scale reform of our healthcare system has major implications for American families, and raises a number of important questions. The American people deserve to know how much a plan like Senator Sanders' Medicare for All would cost. They deserve to know if this plan would bankrupt our country. They deserve to know if they would lose their employer-sponsored healthcare. Right now, we do not have answers. The Senate Medicare for All bill has 14 co-sponsors and has become a centerpiece of the Democrats' Congressional agenda and presidential campaigns.

I am writing today to request CBO provide Congress with a complete cost estimate of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (S. 1129). This should already exist, as other Senators have requested this information in the past. But since we have not seen anything to date, I am requesting CBO provide Congress with a full cost estimate as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator