Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council on Health Care, was in Washington, D.C. for four days last week. Her achievements include:

- Face-to-face meetings on health care reform with four (4) Republican Members of Congress (Sen. Tom Coburn, M.D. (OK) left and Sen. Jim DeMint (SC) below, Rep. Erik Paulsen (MN) and Rep. Terry Lee (NE)).

- Eight face-to-face meetings with health care policy staffers of other Members, including staffers of Reps. Eric Cantor (House Minority Whip), Paul Ryan, John Shadegg, and Dr. Tom Price, M.D., and Sen. Richard Burr.

- Hand-delivering information packets with a hand-written notes to health policy staffers of seven (7) more Members of Congress particularly interested in health care, including: Reps. Dr. Burgess, M.D. (TX), and Mike Pence (IN) and Sens. Jon Kyl (AZ) and Lisa Murkowski (AK).

- Congressional staff briefing with Institute for Health Freedom (IHF) and the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC). Health policy staffers from both parties attended. (Ms. Brase is seated on the right side in photo at right)

- CCHC one-page handout on Kennedy and Coburn/Ryan bills hand-delivered to the office of all Members of Congress via a combined effort with the Institute for Health Freedom.


- Attended FIRST hearing on the Kennedy Affordable Health Choices Act where she heard opening statements and twittered (noSocializedMed).

CCHC CHART CALLED "BEST INFORMATION"
At meetings with Members of Congress and health policy staffers, Ms. Brase provided an information packet, including a CCHC “measuring stick” for health care reform, a WSJ article on the dangers of “quality” measurement, the report written by Ms. Brase on the dangers of “evidence-based medicine” (published by the American Legislative Exchange Council) and a chart comparing the Kennedy bill and the...
HEALTH CARE TEA PARTIES NEEDED!
Members of Congress made it clear that they believe the **PUBLIC NEEDS TO RISE UP** against socialized medicine—or expect to lose their health freedom. Members and staffers were excited to hear about the emergence of health care tea parties. The first major one is in **Sioux Falls, S.D.** (back yard of self-appointed health reform expert and former Sen. Tom Daschle) on July 2, 2009. Come if you can! **SPEAKERS LIST**, which includes Ms. Brase, can be found at: [http://www.teapartysd.com/speakers_07-02-09.html](http://www.teapartysd.com/speakers_07-02-09.html)

NO HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE!
While discussing the pros and cons of leading legislation, CCHC emphasized to Members of Congress and their staff the importance of not "improving" the Kennedy bill or any other socialized medicine bill. We asked them to **refuse any mandate on individuals to buy health insurance**. Such a mandate would enable a government takeover of health care. CCHC also sought Senate sponsors for Rep. Ron Paul's legislation allowing individuals to refuse to buy health insurance, refuse a national patient identification (tracking) number and refuse entry into a national health data (tracking) system.

CCHC ATTENDS FIRST KENNEDY BILL HEARING
At the last minute, Twila Brase joined the long line of people waiting in the Russell Senate Office Building to get into the first hearing of Sen. Ted Kennedy's health care reform bill. Once seated, she took notes on her computer and twittered ([twitter.com/noSocializedMed](http://twitter.com/noSocializedMed)) while listening to opening comments from Members, including Sen. Coburn.

**HISTORIC NOTICE** – FYI, Minnesota has a most unusual listing in the Senate Directory hanging in each building: "To Be Determined (MN)."

THANK YOU!
Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed funds to send CCHC president Twila Brase to Washington, D.C. She brought new and informative data to the health reform debate, educated staffers, and spoke for limited government and individual freedom. As the health reform debate escalates, **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS** can be reached using the Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121.

As CCHC continues to speak for freedom, advise on health care tea parties, and generate and distribute informative materials to educate Congressional leaders and members of the public, please provide CCHC with a generous donation at: [https://www.charitybox.com/Admin2/Classic.aspx?CFN=cchc](https://www.charitybox.com/Admin2/Classic.aspx?CFN=cchc)