

Dear Senator

I am writing in support of S.1098, the Family and Retirement Health Investment Act, sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch and others.

After the last Congress imposed the government take-over of our health-care system, this bill is a step in the right direction for health freedom of choice. It makes favorable changes to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to the laws governing health savings accounts (HSAs).

This bill, among other changes, would allow the individual purchase of herbs, vitamins, minerals, homeopathic remedies, meal-replacement products, and other dietary and nutritional supplements to be treated as a medical expense for Federal income-tax purposes. People would be allowed to count the cost of their non-insurance covered prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs as deductible medical expenses for tax purposes. Nutritional foods and dietary supplements for medical-care purposes should be treated in the same way since they are proven to lower the cost of health care.

It is accepted medical opinion that the consumption of nutritional foods and dietary supplements are proven medical-care treatment options for many health illnesses, under the direction of a medical doctor, and for health-prevention purposes. Americans who use these alternative and effective forms of medical care, eat healthy foods, or rely on homeopathic remedies should not be discriminated against in our Federal tax code. It is time for Congress to correct this injustice.

This bill deserves your support and I hope that you will seriously consider joining as a cosponsor of this legislation.

Sincerely,