

Statement of PERE SERRANO

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Today, we meet with a unique opportunity to ensure over 107,000

Americans continue to receive the healthcare they desperately need while simultaneously defunding one of the more egregious and politically motivated slush funds in Obamacare. H.R. 1549 the Helping Sick Americans Now Act of 2013 diverts money from the Preventative and Public Health Fund – the slush fund used for handouts by the Administration and which has also been designated as the funding mechanism to implement Obamacare – and transfers it to the Pre-existing Conditions Insurance Plan. This insurance plan operates high-risk pools which allow Americans with pre-existing conditions to gain the medical coverage they require.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation that reduces wasteful spending included in Obamacare, decreases the deficit, and – most importantly – ensures that those Americans who are sick today get the

medical care they need. This bill is truly a win-win-win for the American taxpayers.