

Congressman Pence appeared on *FOX News*' "Studio B with Shepard Smith" and then on the *Fox Business Network* to discuss the Democrat health care reform proposals as well as the Republican solutions for real reform:

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REP. PENCE: A better plan would be to bring real competition into the system. For instance, by allowing what are called "association health plans" where employers could pool employees on a nationwide basis instead of living under state-by-state regulations. Republicans have carried that forward for years and that's been utterly rejected by Democrats.

There are health savings accounts; medical malpractice liability is a major cause of the rising costs of health care in this country. But again, on all of those issues, one after another, Democrats rejected efforts to strengthen our free market economy or to bring about tort reform. This is really just about launching a massive government takeover of health care and paying for it with about \$1 trillion in tax increases. It's not about games. The last guest from the white house said it's about the American people, and it's on behalf of the American people that Republicans are going to vigorously make the case against this disastrous health care plan.

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REP. PENCE: I respect the President of the United States, but not the tactics. The facts and the policy are not going over well with the American people...The American people don't want a government takeover of our healthcare economy, they don't want a trillion dollars in tax increases, and they know if you introduce a government-run insurance option, that they are going to lose their current health insurance and maybe their job. This president ought to take a half step back, take a breath, and give Congress a real opportunity this fall to come together in a bipartisan way with modest reforms that will invigorate the fundamental foundations.

REP. PENCE: I think the Democratic plan is a disaster for patients, jobs, taxpayers present and future, and for Americans who cherish traditional values. Let's set aside that disaster...and find ways to strengthen the private health foundations of the healthcare economy in ways that benefit Americans and result in a higher quality and lower cost of healthcare.