

## **Senator Baucus to Hold Health Care Listening Tours Across Montana**

FYI, Senator Baucus, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is holding several health care listening tours across Montana. Below is announcement of the tours and list of the communities where the Senator will be. In addition, Jay Larson, MD, FACP from Helena (an ACP Key Contact) is a member of Senator Baucus' s advisory commission.

### **BAUCUS LAUNCHES HEALTH CARE LISTENING TOUR TUES.**

First Session In Kalispell, Senator To Gather Statewide Input For Reform

(Billings, Mont.) - Montana's senior U.S. Senator Max Baucus will kick off the first in a series of statewide listening sessions in Kalispell on Tuesday, October 14 to examine health care challenges facing Montanans as he works on reforming the health care system for the country.

As chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care financing, Baucus is leading the charge on health care reform in America.

Baucus will conduct health care listening sessions in several Montana communities, a tour that will include an official U.S. Senate Finance Committee hearing in Missoula on Tuesday, October 21.

"It's wrong that 1 in 5 Montanans doesn't have health insurance. It's wrong that Montanans' health care bills continue to skyrocket while wages can't keep up," said Baucus, Montana's senior U.S. Senator. "That's why we need fundamental reform - we need a new approach to health care so more Montana families can get access to quality, affordable care. That's what this tour is all about. I need to hear from my employers - Montana families - on the best way to do this."

Baucus' listening sessions will be an open forum where Montanans can offer what health care concerns they have and how the health care system could work better for them. He'll take that input to Washington, D.C. as the Congress looks to reform the nation's health care system in 2009.

The listening sessions are free and open to the public.

#### **Baucus' Health Care Listening Tour**

##### **Kalispell**

Where: Summit Fitness Center, Conference Room #3

205 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell

When: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14th

##### **Bozeman**

Where: Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Bitterroot Room

915 Highland Boulevard  
When: 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15th

Great Falls  
Where: Sletten Cancer Institute, Tabacco Room  
1117 29th Street South  
When: 11 a.m. Thursday, October 16th

Helena  
Where: St. Peter's Hospital, Education Center  
2475 Broadway  
When: 11 a.m. on Friday, October 17

Anaconda  
Where: Community Hospital of Anaconda Conference Room  
401 West Pennsylvania Avenue  
When: 2 p.m. on October 17

Billings  
Where: Mansfield Health Education Center (St. Vincent Healthcare)  
2900 12th Avenue North 30  
When: 11 a.m. on October 20

\*\*\*Missoula Finance Committee Field Hearing\*\*\*  
Where: St. Patrick's Hospital and Health Sciences Center, Conference Room #1  
500 West Broadway  
When: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21st

Dillon  
Where: Barrett Hospital & HealthCare,  
Professional Services Building, Conference Room on the Lower Level  
90 Hwy 91 South  
When: 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23rd

Lewistown  
Where: Central Montana Medical Center  
408 Wendell Avenue  
When: 11 a.m. on Monday, October 27th

Havre  
Where: Northern Montana Hospital, Conference Room 3 (A, B & C)  
30 13th Street  
When: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28th

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