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Speaking today on the House floor, Congressman Kucinich (D-OH) continued to build the case for a single-payer, not-for-profit health care system that would provide quality health care for all for less money than we currently spend.

See the video [here](#). The full text follows:

“We have a for-profit health care system, where \$800,000,000,000 every year is spent on corporate profits, stock options, executive salaries, advertising, marketing and the cost of paperwork.

“In the for-profit system that we have, nearly one out of every three health care dollars goes for things not related to health care. If we took that \$800,000,000,000 and spent it on care for people, we’d have enough money to cover all medically necessary needs in addition to dental care, vision care, mental health care, prescription drugs and long-term care.

“We would not have a situation where 50 million Americans don’t have any health insurance. Americans would not have to worry about losing everything they have worked a lifetime for because they have an illness in the family.

“This debate is the wrong debate. A for-profit model is the wrong model. We should be talking about universal health care, single-payer not-for-profit health care, Medicare for All, quality health care for all Americans.”

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Kucinich was a co-author of Medicare for All, H.R. 676, in the 111th Congress. The bill is expected to be reintroduced in the 112th Congress.

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