of uncompensated care (the so-called disproportionate share hospitals or DSHs) were concerned about cuts to Medicaid despite the promise of universal health insurance.

Further, some members are guided by ideological beliefs with which they assume their constituents generally agree. House Blue Dogs feared the bill would not sufficiently "bend the cost curve" and would put jobs in jeopardy with a pay-or-play policy for employers. Many Republicans were resistant to government involvement in health care, calling it "socialized medicine" and warning the public about "rationing." Democratic freshmen, having faced a tough vote on the climate change bill, were concerned about the electoral consequences of supporting health reform legislation, which polls were showing did not have widespread support. In some instances these differing convictions can be reconciled, as proposals are altered or eliminated. In other instances, appeasing one side means risking losing the support of others. Energy and Commerce chairman Waxman's compromise with the Blue Dogs, for example, caused progressives to warn that they would not support the bill if it were watered down to get the Blue Dogs' support.

As of this writing, the outcome of health care reform is still unclear. Our experience in the front row persuades us that the efforts to secure the support of important interest groups and moderate Republicans are the best chance reformers have of passing comprehensive health reform. President Obama, the five committee chairs, and Democratic leadership have made a concerted effort to avoid the mistakes made in 1993–94. With the stakes so high, the president and congressional leadership have carefully navigated the stakeholders' and members' interests to minimize strong, organized opposition to the bill. However, the fate of health care reform will ultimately rest on the preferences of members of Congress, especially the three Republican "COW" senators, and the organized—and unorganized—interests they serve. ■

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1. It is also possible to pass health reform through the budget reconciliation process in the Senate, which would require only a majority. However, reconciliation requires the legislation to be deficit-neutral over a five-year window rather than the CBO window of 10 years. Since health reform would require substantial initial outlays, it would be much more difficult to raise the revenue necessary to balance these expenditures within five years. In addition, the Byrd rule of reconciliation makes any provision not directly related to balancing the budget out of order, which confounds attempts to include substantive legislation.

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