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Stop Hillarycare Takeover Scheme in Medicare

-Clinton-era payoff to New York union thugs leads to socialized medicine -

Washington D.C. – In 1999, the Clinton Administration knew it had to reward its friends if it wanted to have a legacy. No bigger friends existed than New York union bosses, especially since they would be supporters of Mrs. Clinton's Senate race.

The mechanism for this corrupt payoff was a sweetheart contract that Medicare gave to GHS Corporation, a health care processing firm from Manhattan dominated by Empire State union kingpins. That contract expires next month. Many in the Medicare bureaucracy, though, are loathe to admit their error, and may renew it.

“Payoffs to union bosses from the Northeast may have been part of the corrupt legacy of the Clinton years,” said ATR President Grover Norquist. **“However, such backroom deals have no place in a Bush administration.”**

GHS is a Medicare claims processing company. It is one of many, though the contract gives it improper monopoly rights (which it has yet to demonstrate capability in handling). If all Medicare claims are routed through a company on the payroll of Clinton, Inc., how long would it take before a national database was established? Socialized medicine would be one step closer to reality.

“This deal stinks to high heaven,” continued Norquist. **“Taxpayers are getting hosed in a giveaway to union bosses. Seniors are having their privacy rights stripped away. Socialized medicine is on the march. This must be stopped now.”**

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or at cbutler@atr.org.

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