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CANCER SURVIVOR
Doug Ulman
 Doug Ulman is a three-time cancer survivor and president of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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The genie is out of the bottle

The dirty secrets and tragic failures of our broken health care system have been paraded in front of the American people for months. We've heard the stories. Many of us in the cancer community have lived them. Since last July, our hopes for access to affordable care and for justice and quality in the health-care system have been raised sky high. In recent days, those hopes have been in limbo, waiting for what comes next.

What we hoped to hear tonight was a call for Congress to get back to work on an issue that literally determines life or death for many of us.

And much to our relief, we did.

The President took the right approach, calling for a reexamination of the plan on the table but opening the door for other options. He renewed his commitment to Americans on health care and used his bully pulpit appropriately to call for action.

Americans don't care about the method, whether it's piece by piece or in an omnibus bill. What they care about is reform that creates affordable care and an end to unethical practices by insurers that wreak havoc on their lives.

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