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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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## Starting from scratch?

You couldn't write fiction more dramatic than this. Sen. Brown's election will reset the clock on the entire health-care reform effort, throwing many Americans' hopes for accessible, affordable care into jeopardy. From the perspective of the cancer community, it's tragic to see an issue as fundamentally important to life as medical care become so politicized. In this day and age, none of us should suffer and die because we don't have the cash to see a doctor.

The current legislation is probably doomed but Republicans would be foolhardy to ignore Americans' appetite for change. If there's one thing we've learned since this effort began last July, it's that voters all over the nation are sick and tired of the status quo in our health-care system. From discrimination by insurance companies against the millions of us with "pre-existing conditions" to lack of affordable care, we've had enough of things the way they are.

However Congress tackles health care reform -- whether in an omnibus bill or piece by piece -- the important thing is that they tackle it. Now.

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