



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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Ms. Robin Sproul
ABC News
Washington Bureau Chief
1717 DeSales Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Sproul:

I respectfully write to request time for a Republican response on ABC and the other television networks immediately following the President's address to a Joint Session of Congress next Wednesday, September 9. Given the importance of the health care debate, the American people should be presented with a balanced perspective, and that can only be achieved with a response on network television from a representative of the Republican Party.

The opposing party has typically been granted this opportunity not only in the case of the annual Presidential State of the Union Address to Congress, but at other times when the President has come before Congress as well. For example, in 1993 when President Bill Clinton spoke to Congress on health care, the networks carried a Republican response from then-Governor Carroll Campbell of South Carolina.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John", written over the typed name and title.

John Boehner
House Republican Leader