

## **President Encourages Congress to Keep at Health Care Reform Work; Suggests Summit**

In his public appearances during the last several days, President Obama continued to urge Congressional Democrats to continue searching for common ground to move health care reform forward this year. He also urged Republicans to bring their ideas forward and to move beyond simply saying "no" to any aspect of health care reform. During the Super Bowl pre-game show last night, he went so far as to offer the White House as a venue for a bipartisan half-day summit on health care reform to be televised live during the month of February. Though a gamble, this offer follows his recent meeting with House Republicans that many observers believe was successful for the President.

The President concluded his interview before the Super Bowl by saying despite the challenges of the health care reform debate, it's still the right thing to do for the American people.