Universal Health Care

While the United States has one of the world's best medical systems for the wealthy, there are dozens of countries with better medical care for the general public at half the cost.

The basic problems associated with health care in the U.S. are not enough good doctors and way too many parasites within the health care system.

The money already spent on hot air fighting over and then launching the Affordable Care Act would have put enough doctors through medical school to solve the problem of not enough doctors. With plenty of doctors, competition would quickly drive the price down and weed out the bad ones. Many of today's doctors went to medical school with money as the goal instead of compassion or innate talent.

The insurance industry provides no health care at all. The purpose of insurance is to provide a common money pool to cushion the fall for individual people. The United Stated Government already has its own money pool. If everyone is to have health care, the government can dispense the money to doctors directly. There's no reason at all for middlemen to make a profit. Other than some necessary bookkeeping and oversight, the massive bureaucracy and profit taking of the insurance industry's involvement in universal health care is 100% parasitic.

The Affordable Care Act looks good on paper, but it does almost nothing to reduce the parasitic bureaucracy of the insurance industry that they can't sidestep, and is likely to actually reduce the number of doctors.

It's a shame that the new health care system will turn out to be a failure compared to what it could have been. Most of the blame lies squarely on the Republicans, because their alternative was even worse and their obstructionist agenda severely compromised constructive discussion. It was the Republicans who protected the parasitic insurance industry. Their blind faith in capitalism is founded in ignorance, fear, and greed, and is failing us badly.

For all its shortcomings, the Affordable Care Act is a foot in the door, and hopefully we can begin to evolve it into something that works.