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Earlier this year, I asked what we should focus on in the Senate in 2008. Below are some of your thoughts:

"Emphasize preventative healthcare and energy conservation."

66-year-old Council Bluffs man

"We need healthcare for everyone and job training programs."

58-year-old Council Bluffs woman

"Benefits for veterans and affordable healthcare for middle class families."

39-year-old Council Bluffs man



2008

Legislative Session Update

The response I have received from you this year has been amazing. From email and phone calls, to questions and personal stories at legislative forums, **your feedback has helped make the difference in 2008.**

Many of you highlight the **high cost of health care** as an important issue you would like addressed in the Legislature. In the Senate we have been working together to **ensure every lowan has the health care you deserve, at a cost that every lowa family can afford.**

Quality and Affordable Health Care for lowans

What it does: *Moves toward achieving quality, affordable health care for lowans, starting with all children, by 2011. Focuses on decreasing health insurance costs by: preventing pre-existing condition exclusions, emphasizing preventative care and allowing for portability of coverage.*

Status: *House File 2539 - Passed out of Committee on Appropriations 18-6*

Iowa Healthy Communities Initiative

What it does: *Focuses on the promotion of wellness and healthy living to prevent chronic disease. Creates a statewide Healthy Communities Initiative to increase lowans physical activity, improve physical fitness, improve nutrition and promote healthier lifestyles.*

Status: *Senate File 2319 – Passed full Senate 47-3*

I will be participating in legislative forums over the next few weeks to get your feedback on these bills, to answer questions, and listen to any other issues facing you and your family. With the end of Session fast approaching, please take the time to attend, **your input makes all the difference!**



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