WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) released the following statement on his support for a strong public health insurance option:

"As the debate over health care reform reached a fever pitch this summer, one factor has stayed the same: my support for a strong public option. I have repeatedly said I will oppose legislation that does not include a robust public option.

"I believe the United States long ago reached a threshold that calls for drastic reform, and without a public option we'll never get there. A public option is necessary to lower costs and ensure that millions of uninsured Americans have a safety net, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate tomake sure it remains in final legislation."

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