WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) released the following statement after the House of Representatives voted to approve the Affordable Health Care for America Act:

"My vote in support of health insurance reform today was one of the most important I've taken during my 16 years in Congress, and it was long overdue. The time for reform is now.

"It's no secret that our health insurance system is broken. Americans who have coverage can lose it at the whim of their insurance company and more than 46 millions Americans have no coverage at all. Without this reform, the cost of insurance will continue to climb. Status quo is no longer an option.

"This legislation puts us on the road toward controlling cost, protecting access to care and expanding coverage so no American goes without. I was proud today to vote for the bill, and I look forward to the Senate moving its own legislation forward. We simply can't miss this opportunity."

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