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Chairman Starnes & Community Members to Meet with Rep. Cooper on Healthcare Reform

Davidson County Republican Party (DCRP) Chairman Kathleen Starnes, members of her DCRP Board and other community members will join her in a meeting with U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper on Monday, August 24 to discuss concerns about healthcare reform legislation.

The meeting was arranged after Rep. Cooper declined an offer from the DCRP to set up a public forum where previously submitted questions would be posed by a moderator or DCRP members. A well-controlled crowd, offers to provide copies of pertinent bills and receptivity on how to best communicate the meeting to his constituents were included in the proposal. Congressman Cooper's office said his busy schedule would not permit him to participate in the proposed meeting.

"Our preference in engaging with Rep. Cooper was in a public forum where many more of his 700,000 constituents could make their voices heard and hear his viewpoint," said Chairman Starnes. "However, since Congressman Cooper's schedule is already filled, we will do our best to ascertain his opinion on various components of HB3200 and how he will vote on them."

"We will address concerns about how additional federal government involvement in healthcare will impact the quality of our current system as well as the cost to the taxpayer. Also, we hope to discuss other solutions for controlling healthcare costs and meeting the needs of the uninsured."

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