

Second, elected officials of character are open to later information which affects that position. New data trump old statements.

That is what happened when Senator Ted Cruz chose to oppose the hastily, and poorly, constructed health care bill. He did it because he cared for Texans. He stood firm for us and was prepared to incur the bombasts of the base.

That, my friends, is integrity.

What of other senators? Did they show the same gumption?

Here is a quote from Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa: "You know I could probably give you 10 reasons why this bill shouldn't be considered. But Republicans campaigned on this so often that you have a responsibility to carry out what you said in the campaign. That is pretty much as much of a reason."

In other words, Senator Grassley is only in favor of the bill because he said he was going to be. He knows, but does not care, it is harmful to his people.

There you have it. Two senators know the health care legislation is bad. The Iowa senator supports it while acknowledging that fact.

Our Texas senator is against it because of its multiple flaws.

Aren't you glad you live at Canyon Lake rather than Cedar Rapids?

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Senator Cruz did the right thing

First, we need to remember that there is no such thing as a campaign "promise." It is not an oath. It is just a preliminary position.