

JOHN MCCAIN

What You Should Know



■ **Will Increase Health Care Costs and Reduce Access.** McCain's plan undermines existing employer-based health care and pushes workers into the private market to fight big insurance companies on their own. He will make health care premiums part of taxable income, essentially creating a new tax for working families. His plan will reduce benefits, increase costs and leave many with no health care at all. (CBPP, 4/5/06; Health08.org, Forum, 10/31/07; *Los Angeles Times*, 11/20/07; Commonwealth Fund, 6/2005)

■ **Supports Unfair Trade Deals.** McCain voted for NAFTA and CAFTA, and to allow China to enter the WTO although the United States has lost more than 1 million jobs because of NAFTA and 1.8 million jobs since China entered the WTO. (H.R. 3450, Vote #395, 11/20/93; S. 1307, Vote #170, 6/30/05; H.R. 4444, Vote #251, 9/19/00; Economic Policy Institute, 10/9/07)

■ **More of the Same.** McCain supported President Bush's positions 95 percent of the time in 2007 and an average of 89 percent over Bush's two terms in office. (Congressional Quarterly Voting Study, 110th Congress)

■ **Opposes Our Right to Bargain.** McCain voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would level the playing field for workers trying to form unions, and for a national Right-to-Work-for-Less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether. (H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07; S. 1788, Vote #188, 7/10/96)

■ **Jeopardized Our Retirement Security.** McCain supports privatizing Social Security, putting our retirement at risk, and raising the Medicare eligibility age. (SCR 83, Vote #68, 3/16/06; SCR 18, Vote #49, 3/15/05; S. Amdt.144 to SCR 18, Vote #47, 3/15/05; SCR 86, Vote #56, 4/1/98; SCR 86, Vote #77, 4/1/98; S. 947, Vote #112, S. Amdt. 445, Vote #115, 6/25/97)



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