

These are examples of letters to the editor on healthcare. The key is to keep them succinct and to the point. Many newspapers allow you to submit letters on-line or via email.

The Desert Sun: <http://216.234.124.202/mailler/opinionwrap.php>

The Press Enterprise: http://www.pe.com/localnews/opinion/letters_form.html

Letter #1

Many of the recent letters to the editor, and shouted comments at the many town hall meetings going on, serve to highlight the massive amount of misinformation out there. Shouts of “Don't kill granny!” and “I want my America back” (huh?) and the topper, “Keep government out of my Medicare!”

The majority of us want more choices, lower premiums, no exclusions for pre-existing conditions, fewer surprises and more competition.

My advice to these people take a deep breath, do a little research, and turn off Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh for a few weeks. You may find that the America you “want back” will be a better place for all of us.

Letter #2

Regarding Erica Felci's article, “Valley residents get in on debate,” Aug. 12: I am disappointed and disgusted that Rep. Mary Bono Mack won't schedule public forums to personally hear the concerns of those who elected her to office.

Holding “private meetings” with selected locals is just what she constantly accuses the Democrats of doing in D.C. Don't we all have a voice and get an opportunity to share our opinions directly?

As a registered nurse, I'm not aware of any outreach she has made to the hardworking individuals in our local healthcare community. There are plenty of nurses, aides and ancillary workers who would like to be heard. Is she just talking with “concerned” physicians?

How about a public forum for health-care professionals and patients to share their views?