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## **BERRYHILL BLUNDERS ON HEALTH CARE**

Congressional candidate Mike Berryhill has launched email attacks on Representative Dennis Cardoza for supporting national health care reform. Berryhill could have talked about what is actually in the new law, but instead he misfired with misinformation.

- Berryhill claims that health care reform *"Creates a special deal for union members."* - Berryhill Press Release 3/21

**FACT: Nope...no special deals for union members. Under this legislation, all workers are equal.**

- Berryhill claims that the new law *"Vastly expands IRS powers."* - Berryhill Press Release 3/21

**FACT: The new law prohibits the IRS from imposing any kind of criminal penalties or from using liens or levies against those who do not have health insurance!**

- Berryhill claims Representative Cardoza was *"Bribed"* with an announcement of water allocation for his vote. - Berryhill Press Release 3/31

**FACT: Come on! Did Berryhill miss the storms? The water allocation increase is because we got rain. The entire valley delegation had demanded a higher allocation!**

**NOTE:** The 3/21 Berryhill missive was copied word for word from a partisan Republican [website](#) (a simple cut and paste job). But, Berryhill is no stranger to borrowing others work.

Berryhill's campaign for Congress began with plagiarism. The Modesto Bee condemned Berryhill's cut and paste habits, in a letter he purported to have written about health care - but in which the words were really authored by Rush Limbaugh.

The Bee asked Berryhill...

*"Do you think this was acceptable — to take someone else's words and present them as your own?"*

*Berryhill's reply...was that he didn't know they were Limbaugh's comments, that he'd gotten them from a friend in San Francisco who didn't say where he'd gotten them. "I changed it somewhat and thought it would help in the public forum to cause people to put things more in perspective. ... I was not aware that you had a policy of complete originality. Had I been aware of that, I would have kept the chuckle to myself."*

*So which was it, Mike, adding to the debate or trying to be clever?*

*Either way, your excuse for plagiarism doesn't fly. You're playing in the big leagues, seeking to represent us in Washington, D.C...." - [The Modesto Bee 11/8/2009](#)*

***Plagiarism, misinformation, false allegations...what's next?***