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ALLENTOWN – Sam Bennett today called on Americans to reject so-called Republican healthcare reform, saying that they are using a hot political issue to help insurance companies. Today, when John McCain visited the Lehigh Valley to talk about the importance of technology in healthcare, Bennett criticized both the presidential candidate and her opponent Rep. Dent.

Bennett has promised to refrain from taking advantage of the Congressional healthcare benefits until Congress finds a solution for our nations' healthcare crisis.

“What is the point of having the finest technology in the world if millions of people don't benefit?” she said. “The Republican way of looking at healthcare puts the interest of corporations over people.”

- Last year, Dent voted against SCHIP, a bill which would have expanded healthcare coverage to an additional 1.6 million children.
- Last year, Dent voted against allowing the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.
- In 2005, Dent voted for the Bush budget bill that saved HMOs \$22 billion.
- *For this, he has been handsomely rewarded with more than \$62,872 in campaign contributions from the insurance and pharmaceutical industries.*

Bennett represents a new style of leadership. For the last 30 years, Sam Bennett has tackled problems in her community with tremendous dedication and energy – when the politicians were sitting by the sidelines. As Executive Director of Properties of Merit of PA ([www.mypom.org](http://www.mypom.org)), she has revitalized communities and created jobs by bringing older and challenged communities back to life. Other civic work includes resuscitating the Mayfair Festival of the Arts, creating the educational advocacy organization Good Neighbors, and co-founding the student-led William Allen Construction Co., a nationally unique public-private partnership to teach job skills to teenagers.