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Rehberg: "change isn't always a good thing"

Professional politician kicks off 'more of the same' tour

(Helena, Mont.) - With record high home heating costs, three-dollar gas, and millions of Americans without health care coverage, Congressman Dennis Rehberg--champion of the status quo--announced he is seeking reelection to the United States House of Representatives. Rehberg is highlighting his waffling on children's health care and his support for drilling on the Rocky Mountain Front as his keystone issues, and [told supporters](#), "change isn't always a good thing."

In announcing his bid for reelection, Congressman Rehberg called for continued development of fossil fuels. Rehberg has been an outspoken advocate for drilling in environmentally sensitive places, including the Rocky Mountain Front. In 2006, Rehberg called protection of the Front, "foolhardy" and criticized groups that worked to protect the pristine area.[\[1\]](#)

Rehberg also cited his position on children's health care in seeking reelection--no word yet on which position of his he cited. Rehberg voted against expansion of the popular and critically important program, even going so far as calling health insurance for kids, "[extremist political ideology](#)."

In a politically calculated move, Rehberg flip-flopped on the program and with a little kicking and screaming eventually voted for it. He even [told a constituent](#) that his death-bed conversion was simply because, "68 percent of Montanans support it."

"The only club in the world more exclusive than the U.S. Congress is the group of folks that call protection of the Front 'foolish,' health care for kids 'extremist,' and change in Washington 'not always a good thing.' Denny might be the only member," said Kevin O'Brien, spokesman for the Montana Democratic Party.

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[\[1\]](#) *Great Falls Tribune*, 12/8/06