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Review: Fighting for our health: the epic battle to make health care a right in the United States

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Kirsch, Richard. *Fighting for our health: the epic battle to make health care a right in the United States*. Rockefeller Institute Press, 2011. 396p bibl index afp ISBN 9781930912243 pbk, \$19.95

Kirsch (fellow, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government) has been an advocate for equity in health care for most of his adult career and is the national campaign manager for Health Care for America Now. Kirsch provides an excellent account of the trials and tribulations of passing the Patient Protection

and Affordable Care Act of 2010 in *Fighting for Our Health*. People who want to understand what goes on behind the scene in Congress, the White House, and interest groups must read this book. It also gives the reader an insight into the fortitude and the strength that it takes to further a career and a cause. Kirsch recognizes that the struggle for health care reform is not complete because of appeals to the Supreme Court to decide the constitutionality of the legislation and the role that the federal and state governments will play within health care reform. Kirsch promotes the right to universal health care as a social justice issue, and this book shares his perspective on how he managed to keep the health care reform issue alive in the US. Summing up: Recommended. All readership levels -- S. J. Martin, *Indiana University of Pennsylvania*