



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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The House is expected to take up health care reform legislation during Nov. 5-10. The UAW and a broad coalition of progressive organizations are strongly supporting this landmark bill.

Please call your Representative, toll free at **(866) 960-0611**, and urge them to vote YES on the House reform bill.

This crucial legislation will:

- Guarantee all Americans access to quality, affordable health care.
- Require employers to share responsibility for financing health care.
- Provide subsidies to make coverage more affordable for middle income families, and expand Medicaid to help lower-income families.
- Help employers, VEBAs and other entities continue coverage for pre-Medicare retirees.
- Prevent insurance companies from denying coverage because of "pre-existing conditions."
- Reduce costs by eliminating uncompensated care, reforming delivery and provider payment systems, and establishing a national exchange to facilitate cost effective coverage.
- Establish a public insurance option to ensure adequate competition in all areas of the country. This will hold down the ever-increasing rates charged by private insurers.

With these reforms:

- Workers will no longer fear losing health care if they are laid off.
- Pre-Medicare retirees will be less vulnerable to cutbacks in health care benefits.
- The escalating cost of health care will be effectively restrained.
- Employers and wealthy individuals will pay their fair share.
- There is **NO new** tax on workers' health care plans.

Opponents of health care reform are mobilizing to block this bill and protect their special interest profits and perks. Legislators need to hear from us now about the importance of this bill for working families.

Please call your Representative right away at this toll-free number: **(866) 960-0611**. **Urge them to vote YES on the House health care reform bill Let them know that this is a priority issue for UAW members and their families.**

Our union has fought for many years to win quality, affordable health care. We are closer than ever to our goal. Please join our efforts by calling your Representative today.

Thanks in advance for all your hard work on this issue.
