



UU Reflection/Action for Health Care

'Tis the season to give up despair, not chocolate!

Health Care Reform is Possible!

Please join Unitarian Universalists across California in a daily reflection and action on behalf of healthcare reform.

REFLECT: *When it comes to our health we are, indeed, an interdependent web.*

ACT: Call Congress today and tomorrow.

Message: Please support the healthcare reconciliation bill. It saves lives and saves money. Although it is not perfect, it moves us much closer to universal coverage. No one should have to worry about financial ruin in the midst of an illness.

Toll-free: 877-264-4226. Connect to your congressional representative and Senators by entering your zip code.

Senator Feinstein: 202-224-3841, FAX = (202) 228-3954

Senate Boxer: 202-224-3553, FAX = (202) 224-0454

Speaker Pelosi: 202-225-4965, CA FAX = (415) 861-1670

White House: 202-456-1111

In addition to the support of the UU Legislative Ministry Action Network, the reconciliation bill now has the support of Congressman Dennis Kucinich, the Congressional Hispanic and Black Caucuses the American Medical Association, and Catholic Women Religious.

The bill is not perfect, but it is an important step on the journey.

SAMPLE FAX

Dear Rep.-----

As a Unitarian Universalist I believe that we are part of an interdependent web of life. Community collaboration and shared responsibility is an essential part of achieving affordable quality healthcare for all. I hope you will support the healthcare reform reconciliation bill.

Although it is not perfect, the bill moves our nation much closer to universal coverage, including 32 million more Americans. It prevents the cruel abuses of denial for pre-existing conditions, rescission, and healthcare bankruptcies.

The bill will save lives. It will save money. As Dr. Martin Luther King said *"Of all forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."* No one should have to worry about financial ruin in the midst of an illness.

Please support this bill.

Sincerely,

[name, address]

Pass health care reform without delay!

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What the bill will mean for local communities on reverse →

Historic & Lifesaving!!

The Comprehensive Healthcare Reform Legislation:

- covers 32 million more Americans
- bans denying coverage if you have pre-existing conditions—the sick can get insurance
- eliminates rescission (denying care once you get sick) and other insurance abuses
- supports preventative care bringing down cost
- a board to monitor and limit insurance premium raises
- provides subsidies to enable families to purchase insurance (a family of four making up to \$88,000)
- significantly increases funding for community clinics
- establishes non-profit alternatives in all exchanges to compete with for-profit plans
- establishes minimum limits for coverage, eliminates 'junk insurance'
- establishes a principle of employer contributions - like a minimum wage
- closes 'donut hole' in Medicare prescription drug coverage
- significantly improves affordability standards
- supports and significantly expands states' Medicaid programs

1 person dies every 12 minutes in the US because they lack health insurance and can't get good care.

"We're losing more Americans every day because of inaction ... than drunk driving and homicide combined."

Dr. David Himmelstein,
Associate Professor of Medicine,
Harvard University

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