

STATE LEGISLATORS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTHCARE - HR 676

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Dear Colleague:

As the economic crisis deepens, the hardships and needs facing our constituents continue to grow greater. At the same time, our state budgets are badly strained.

While there are no easy solutions, in the area of health care reform, there are real prospects for tangible relief. The U.S. Congress can help to heal our hemorrhaging state budgets while bringing comprehensive, quality health care to all of our people, by passing HR676, Rep. John Conyers' national single-payer health care legislation.

In contrast to many other proposed health reforms, single payer provides the means to assure universal care and cost control, with no increase in total health care spending. A single-payer system has the additional advantage of broad support among the U.S. population and physicians - please take a moment to review the website of Physicians for a National Health Program (www.pnhp.org).

We are sending the enclosed **Appeal** to all fellow state legislators in the United States, and we believe that a significant number will join us by signing. We intend to publish the Appeal and the names of all the signers in *Roll Call* (www.rollcall.com), which is why we are asking you to make a financial contribution. We will also hold press conferences, and seek meetings with the National Conference of State Legislators and the National Governor's Conference to advance our position. Your suggestions are welcome.

Please indicate your willingness to sign the Appeal by returning the enclosed form through regular mail, Email, or fax. Please let us know if you wish to be further involved in promoting this Appeal.

Yours for a healthy nation,

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