



TO: US JOINT COUNCIL AND LOCAL UNION PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND POLITICAL COORDINATORS

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DATE: JANUARY 12, 2010

RE: HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM UPDATE

Congress is currently reconciling the differences in the House-passed Affordable Health Care for America Act and the Senate-passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Senate bill includes a provision to place an excise tax on certain insurance plans. It is important that Members of Congress, especially Leadership, understand the damage that the excise tax provision could have on working Americans. This tax would fall on one-third of Americans in 10 years. The average affected household will pay \$7,600 more in taxes between 2013 and 2019, according to a recent analysis of the proposal.

This week, Health Care for America Now (HCAN), along with the AFLCIO, are sponsoring events between January 13th and January 15th to express Americans' opposition to the excise tax. Events include press conferences and other earned media events put together locally in states across the country. In addition, at a national level, there is a call-in day scheduled in coordination with these events to take place on Wednesday, January 13th. A flier for the call-in day is attached.

Please generate phone calls to your Representative's office to encourage them to weigh in with Leadership on the burden that the excise tax will put on working families and encourage them to work to have the excise tax provision removed from the final bill. Call 1-877-264-4226 to be connected to your Representative's office.

In an effort to keep track of the number of Teamster calls that are generated, a reporting form to return to our office has also been included.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need any additional information, please call the Department of Field and Political Action at (202) 624-6993.

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**It's Now or Never for
Health Care Reform**

The House and Senate have passed health care reform measures, but now they have to hammer out a final bill they all can agree on. We have to keep the pressure on to ensure that the final version will help, not hurt, working families.

Wednesday
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NATIONAL CALL-IN

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FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM

Call your representative toll-free at

1-877-264-4226

Urge him or her to support working families by voting for health care reform that:

- DOES NOT tax our health care benefits.
- Requires employers to pay their fair share.
- Reduces costs—and the best way to do that is with a public health care option.



For more information call the Teamsters Department of Field and Political Action at (202) 624-6993.

HEALTH CARE REPORTING FORM

HEALTH CARE

LOCAL UNION

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE CONTACTED

NUMBER OF CALLS

NUMBER OF EMAILS

**COMMENTS/RESPONSES YOU
RECEIVED:**

FAX THIS FORM TO (202) 624-6992.