



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry Action Network—California

Health Care Advocacy Action for August 12 through August 23

Step-by-Step Instructions for Phone & Fax Parties at Sunday Coffee Hour

Great news! Because of the phone calls, letters and faxes from advocates like you, all of the California health care reform bills we support have made it over their first major hurdle: they passed through the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees. Now these bills are heading to the Senate and Assembly floors for a final vote. It's now time to call, fax and write your representatives and urge them to implement and improve upon federal health care reform by passing the bills listed at the end of this flyer. These bills must be passed by both the Assembly and the Senate by August 31, 2010 so they can be on the Governor's desk for his signature by September 1!

An easy way to contact your local Senate and Assembly members is to host a PHONE & FAX PARTY during coffee hour this Sunday. Here are some step-by-step instructions to make this a short, fun, productive event at your congregation.

Step 1. Find out who your legislators are by going online to www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html and typing in the Zip Code for your congregation. Be aware that congregation members may live in several Assembly or State Districts, so check the Zip Codes where most of your congregants live.

Step 2. Copy down the phone and fax numbers for each legislator serving your congregation.

Step 3. Test these numbers after business hours to find out if you can leave a voice message or send a fax to the legislator's office on Sunday morning. If you can't leave a voice message, you can send a fax using the congregation's fax machine.

Step 4. Fill in legislator phone and fax information on the "Call for Health Care Reform Pledge Card" and the Call Script below.

Step 5. On Sunday morning, have a few cell phones and call/fax scripts available for calls during coffee hour along with paper and pens. Have members who can call during coffee hour do so using the Pledge form. Members who can't call on Sunday morning can promise to call their legislators next week by filling out the pledge form and taking it with them.

Success! When your legislators' staff returns on Monday, they have to process phone mailboxes and fax machines full of constituents asking their legislators to vote for bills that implement and improve federal health care reform here in California!

Bills to the California Senate Floor for Vote (Already passed by the Assembly)

1. [AB 1600: Mental Health Parity](#) – Senator Beale (Dem–Dist. 11–San Jose)
2. [AB 2578: Premium Rate Increase Regulation](#) – Assembly Members Jones (Dem.–Dist. 9–Sacramento) and Feuer (Dem.–Dist. 42–West Los Angeles)

Bills to the California Assembly Floor for Vote: (Already passed by the Senate)

1. [SB 56: Joint Venture for Medi-Cal County Health Systems](#) – Senator Alquist (Dem–Dist. 13–San Jose)
2. [SB 810: Creating a Single Payer System in California](#) – Senator Mark Leno (Dem–Dist 3–San Francisco)
3. [SB 890: Transparent & Standardized Individual Insurance Market](#) – Senators Alquist (Dem–Dist. 13–San Jose) and Steinberg (Dem–Dist. 5–Sacramento)
4. [SB 900: Establishing the California Health Benefits Exchange](#) – Senator Alquist (Dem–Dist. 13–San Jose)
5. [SB 1163: Premium Sunshine Bill](#) - Senator Mark Leno (Dem–Dist 3 – San Francisco)

**For more information on these bills see UULM Action Network of California 's Flyer,
"Support These California Health Care Reform Bills This August!"**



Call for Health Care Reform Pledge Card

I, _____, pledge to call or fax my California Senator and Assembly Member at least once this week.

My Senator is _____. I can call her/him at _____ and fax her/him at _____.

My Assembly Member is _____. I can contact him/her at _____ and fax him/her at _____.

Call/Fax Script for my Senator:

Hello. My name is _____ of (City)_____ and I am calling to ask Sen. _____ to implement federal health care reform here in California by voting for AB 1600, the Mental Health Parity Bill, and for AB 2578, the Premium Rate Increase Regulation bill. In these key areas of health policy, the California Senate can enact model legislation that will strengthen health care and make the promise of health care reform real in the lives of all Californians. I urge Senator _____ to support this important legislation and work to bring these bills to the Governor's desk this year.

Call/Fax Script for my Assembly Member:

Hello. My name is _____ of (City)_____ and I am calling to ask Assembly Member _____ to implement federal health care reform here in California by voting for five important bills:

- SB 56: Joint Venture for Medi-Cal County Health Systems
- SB 810: Creating a Single Payer System in California
- SB 890: Transparent & Standardized Individual Insurance Market
- SB 900: Establishing the California Health Benefits Exchange
- SB 1163: Premium Sunshine Bill

In these key areas of health policy, the California Assembly is in a position to enact model legislation which will strengthen health care and make the promise of health care reform real in the lives of all Californians. I urge Assembly Member _____ to support this important legislation and work to bring these bills to the Governor's desk this year.