

Dear Advocate,

It's crunch time now for health care reform!

We can get it done but only with a big push in the next month. We'll be sending action alerts regularly. We need everyone to pitch in as if our lives depend upon it!

Will you write a letter to the editor of your community newspaper? Your neighbors are reading that paper, and they need to hear from you.

Keep the message simple:

- This health care reform legislation will give families peace of mind because it guarantees that their insurance will not be taken away when they get sick.
- **The status quo is not an option.** Runaway health care costs are bankrupting our families, our businesses, and our country. We must reform our health care system so that it works for all Americans.
- The health care reform legislation will crack down on insurers who deny people coverage because of a preexisting condition.
- It will make coverage available for children with special health care needs and help older Americans struggling to pay for their medications by shrinking the Medicare "doughnut hole."
- The legislation will provide tax credits to small business owners to help them insure their employees. Small businesses are the key to economic growth and recovery, but rising health care costs hamper entrepreneurial efforts.

Share your story! If you or a family member has been denied coverage or found health insurance unaffordable--be sure to share that in your letter. Readers, including our legislators, listen to stories.

Want help writing your letter? Contact Kathleen Gmeiner, OCHC Project Director, at kgmeiner@uhcanohio.org.

Thanks for your participation!

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