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Consumer Health Care Advocates Welcome President, Ask Him to Keep Up the Good Work and Fix Health Care Now!

Columbus OH—Consumer health care advocates armed themselves with tools in their quest to make health care affordable and available to all. Wearing construction hats, carrying hammers, and raising construction signs, consumers gathered Friday outside the Aladdin Shrine Center on Stelzer Road with one simple message, “Fix It Now!”

“Neither Ohioans nor the rest of the country can wait any longer for relief from skyrocketing health care costs, unfair insurance rules, and lack of access to care,” said Cathy Levine, co-chair of Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage. “We call on President Obama to remain steadfast in delivering a health care reform package that provides quality, affordable health care to all of us!”

Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage, through the Fix It Now! Campaign, is spreading its message to elected officials, candidates, small businesses, and consumers across Ohio.

We cannot restore the economy unless we fix health care. Each day that goes by means higher health care costs, more Ohioans joining the ranks of the uninsured, and fewer small businesses offering coverage, all while Ohioans become sicker. Right now, Ohioans see the opportunity for our leaders to make great strides in improving our nation’s and our state’s health care system and are calling on them to act.

“In these tough economic times, Ohioans are struggling every day just to make ends meet and must make difficult choices to provide for their families. They shouldn’t have to choose between food and health care,” said Levine. “Improving access to health care will improve the health of our economy. Ohioans want our leaders to make health care a priority and to Fix It Now!”

Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage (OCHC) is a coalition uniting the consumer voice with the goal of achieving *affordable, high quality care for all*. OCHC has adopted principles for health care reform which guide our work. Health care coverage should be available to all, should be continuous, and should be affordable to individuals and families. Achieving health care coverage should be affordable and sustainable for society. Health insurance should enhance health and well-being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered, and equitable. For more information, go to www.ohioconsumersforhealth.org.

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