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**State of the Union: President Renews Commitment to Finish Health Care Reform**

Washington D.C. Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage applauds President Obama for standing firm on his commitment to see comprehensive health care reform through to the finish. After days of speculation about what he would say, the President stated that he will not walk away from health care reform.

"President Obama started and ended with the primary reason health care reform must happen now - ordinary Americans with and without insurance are hurting from overwhelming medical debt and lack of affordable health care," said Cathy Levine, Co-Chair of the Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage.

America cannot wait any longer for relief from unfair insurance rules , skyrocketing health care costs, and lack of affordable coverage. Small businesses need tax credits to help them provide insurance to their workers. People who lose their jobs need access to a choice of health plans, with subsidies if they need it. Health care reform will provide all of us with security that affordable health care will be there when we need it.

"We are closer than ever to comprehensive reform. We must get it done now. For our families, for our economy, and for our future," added Col Owens, OCHC Co-Chair.

**Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage** is a nonpartisan coalition uniting the diverse consumer voice with the goal of achieving affordable, high quality care for all. Our membership includes AARP, AFSCME Council 8 AFL-CIO, American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio, Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio, National Alliance for Mental Illness (Ohio), National Multiple Sclerosis Society Ohio Chapters, Ohio ACORN, Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans, Ohio Council of Churches, Progress Ohio, Service Employees International Union, Toledo Area Jobs with Justice, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1059, UHCAN Ohio, We Are The Uninsured, and We Believe Ohio.

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