

# **NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM:**

**IT'S ABOUT YOU.**

**IT'S ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.**

**IT'S ABOUT OUR FUTURE.**

**AND, IT'S ABOUT TIME!**

Tennessee Health Care Campaign  
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## *ARE YOU READY TO MAKE HISTORY?*

- The best chance in 40+ years to make our health care system better is here.
- This is our chance to invest in a better future for our children and grandchildren.
- This is your chance to improve the quality and choices of health care security for you and your family.



## NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS:

- Quality, affordable health care for everyone
- Choice of keeping your current plan & doctor
- Affordability—paying less & getting more
- No more insurance company abuses such as denying for past illness or age
- Peace of mind
- An American solution



# TENNESSEANS WANT REFORM THAT IS FAIR AND RELIABLE.

It's not right that hard-working Tennessee families are struggling to afford health care. We shouldn't have to choose between filling a prescription or filling up the gas tank. But we should have choices--choices of quality health coverage plans and doctors. Choices that make sense and keep us secure.



# TENNESSEANS WANT REFORM THAT REFLECT OUR VALUES

- ① If we like our doctors, we want to keep them.
- ② If we don't like what we have, or have no insurance, we want to be able to shop from a selection of quality choices.
- ③ We want choices of affordable, quality plans—like what Congress has, no more, no less.
- ④ We want both shared and personal responsibility. This means, insurance companies must quit coming between our doctors and us—no more denying care or over-pricing care. And, it means everyone will have to do the responsible thing and get health insurance.
- ⑤ We want health care reform that is fair and provides peace of mind.

*Good news:*

*Congress and the President are putting forward reform that includes these values.*



# THE TIME IS NOW

- Both the US House of Representatives & the US Senate will be debating a reform bill on the floor in July. This means our Tennessee members of Congress will be voting on national health care reform soon!
- Every Tennessean has two US senators\* and 1 US representative.\*\*

*\*Sen. Lamar Alexander and Sen. Bob Corker*

*\*Visit [www.thcc2.org](http://www.thcc2.org) "Take Action" section for a contact list of Tennessee's members of Congress.*



# PARTISAN AFFILIATION – YOURS & YOUR MEMBERS’ OF CONGRESS – GET OVER IT!

***It’s time to stop playing politics and solve the health care crisis.*** Health care reform will give you the freedom of choice to keep your current plan including keeping your current doctor, or choose another private plan, or the choice of a quality affordable public health insurance plan.

Health care reform will stop the insurance companies from denying coverage for an illness you had 5 years ago or some other pre-existing condition, or denying you care because of your age.

***Health care will be affordable—it will cost less and cover more.*** It will be a uniquely American solution that gives you the peace of mind of knowing you will always have quality, affordable health care.



## REFORM TIMELINE: ACTION NOW – SEPT.

- July: Congress debates bill in both houses
- August:
  - First Week: Bills pass in both houses; they are different bills
  - Aug. Congressional recess (Aug. 3-House; Aug. 10 Senate)
  - Aug. 4 – Sept. 7 – In-district constituent meetings TN Delegation; blast local media
- Sept. 7 – Oct. 15: Bi-chamber Conference Committee match bills to create one bill
- October: Bi-partisan bill passes by Oct. 15; or, Reconciliation bill by end of the month; President Obama signs bill into law.





THIS IS THE CHANCE! COMMIT NOW!

# BE ON CALL

FOR NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM REFORM!

YES! I will be ON CALL to win national Reform! I commit to:

- ❑ **Connecting with THCC LOG** in my area to engage in ON CALL work from now through September. *Time commitment: Min. 1 hour per week.*
- ❑ **Rapid Response Phone Tree.** Call members of Congress, with THCC supplied messages. *Time commitment: 5 minutes to 1-2 hours per week*
- ❑ **Rapid Response Media Team.** I will monitor and respond to local coverage; and/or write Letters to the Editor & Op Eds--to be submitted myself or given to others to submit. *Time commitment: 5 minutes – 1 hour per day.*
- ❑ **Schedule & Give Health Reform Presentations** to groups in my area. *Time Commitment: 1 hour to several hours per week.*
- ❑ **Congressional Watch:** Be on the look out for TN's US Senators & US Reps at public meetings & getting our side their to raise our issue. *Time Commitment: 1 or more hours per week.*



# *AMERICAN HEALTH CARE REFORM*

CHOICES. QUALITY. SECURITY.

FOR YOU. FOR YOUR FAMILY. FOR ALL OF US.

90 DAYS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

IT'S UP TO YOU.

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