

Let our voices of faith be heard!
National call-in days
Now until the House votes
TOLL-FREE # 1-888-797-8717



The time is NOW!

We're moving closer and closer to health care reform! The House of Representatives is expected to begin debate and vote on its bill as early as Friday, Nov. 6.

There is no question that the progress in recent weeks is directly related to the groundswell of advocates showing support for comprehensive and compassionate health care reform THIS year. The millions of phone calls, emails, letters and visits HAVE made a difference. Every call counts!

Faith voices are more important than ever!

Let's overwhelm the Capitol Switchboard with messages of hope, compassion, the common good, shared responsibility, concern for those who are vulnerable, and faithful stewardship of our abundant health care resources!

As people of faith who care about this issue, we have to keep the pressure on to ensure that health care reform reflects our values!

If you are new to making these calls, just follow the simple steps below and adapt the sample messages on the back with your own words.

TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-888-797-8717

You will be connected to the Capitol Switchboard. Ask for the office of your Representative, and then ask to speak to the health care staff person.

(SEE MESSAGE TIPS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET!)

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Faithful Reform in Health Care invites faith groups to circulate and use this toll-free number in support of non-partisan federal goals, providing that the alerts are not linked to a website soliciting donations or actions which may be used to support partisan lobbying or work.

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Tips for a successful phone call:

- Dial the toll-free number: **1-888-797-8717**.
- Once you are connected with the Capitol Switchboard, ask for the offices of your Representative by name.
- Once you are connected with the office, ask to speak with the health care staffer.

Sample faith-inspired messages:

Introduction: Hello, my name is _____. I am a member of [name of your congregation/organization] in [city, state].

Short message: I am calling Representative _____ because I believe it is a moral imperative that we enact health care reform this year. I urge the Representative to do all he/she can to make that happen. [If you already know he/she is supportive, acknowledge that!] Thank you!

Longer message: If the opportunity presents itself, pick ONE statement from below and add it to your message, based on what values are important to you, or what you know about your Representative's views.

I believe that:

- Health care is a shared responsibility that is grounded in our common humanity. I urge Representative _____ to support the strongest possible legislation that demonstrates our care for one another, promotes human dignity, and shows compassion by protecting those who are most vulnerable.
- Humanity is sacred. I urge Representative _____ to support the strongest possible legislation that contributes to our health and wholeness, so that we can live out our fullest potential as individuals and as contributing members of society.
- We are blessed with the abundant resources necessary to meet each other's needs. I urge Representative _____ to promote the strongest possible legislation that demonstrates good stewardship and distributes our health care resources effectively, efficiently, and fairly.

Further, I urge the Representative to [add a particular policy provision that is important to you]. Thank you!

Tracking the phone calls

If your organization is participating in these call-in days, please let us know that. If you are using a different toll-free number, please report the number of calls made by your members to action@faithfulreform.org.