

November 5, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We applaud your leadership in creating a national health reform package. The *Affordable Health Care for America Act* (H.R. 3962) not only assures access to quality, stable, affordable health care, but promotes competition, slows the growth in health care costs, and improves the quality of care.

We are strongly supportive of H.R. 3962. We recognize that there are significant changes from earlier proposals. For instance, the increase of Medicaid coverage to 150 percent of the poverty line, compared to 133 percent in earlier versions; addition of a long-term care insurance program for adults with disabilities; requiring health plans to allow young people through age 26 to remain on their parents' policy; and eliminating the Medicare donut hole by 2019, rather than 2024. All of these provisions will be important to achieving our goal of guaranteed, affordable health care.

We would like to especially thank you for your continued support for a public insurance option, vigorous oversight of the private insurance industry, strong affordability protections, and employer responsibility for contributing to health care costs.

As we look ahead to the debate on the floor, we support the *Affordable Health Care for America Act* and the efforts that have gone into creating this landmark legislation. We thank you and the entire House Leadership for your dedication in moving the nation toward quality, affordable health care for all.

Sincerely,

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Center for Rural Affairs
Family Voices
Medicare Rights Center
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Kentucky Equal Justice Center
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Tennessee Health Care Campaign

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Center for Public Policy Priorities

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