

[Health Care Reform Update and Action Advisory](#)

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Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has concluded that all committee-approved bills are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, as well as on access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change or the Bishops will have to oppose them.

Please go to <http://nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=279> for the most updated information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices (below).

Message for Senators Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy:

MESSAGE—SENATE: “During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support a floor amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

MESSAGE—HOUSE: “Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes. Act today! Thanks!

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