

URGENT ACTION PARISH BULLETIN INSERT: CATHOLICS OF COLORADO!

Ask Congress to remove abortion funding and mandates from health-care reform

Congress is now in the final stages of debating health-care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. The U.S. Catholic bishops have been seeking genuine health-care reform that includes protecting the dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. **Their efforts have so far failed.** Despite misleading claims from Congress and White House staff, **all of the bills recently approved by House and Senate committees are gravely flawed** on the issues of abortion and conscience protection. Nor do they provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. None of the bills retain the longstanding, vital and widely supported laws that have prevented federal funding of abortions, abortion mandates or that ensure protection for rights of conscience. Until these bills are amended to address these serious concerns, they are dangerous and must be vigorously opposed. We need genuine health-care reform -- reform that helps to save lives -- not to diminish and destroy them.

Please act now! Contact your U.S. Representative and Senators today and urge them to fix these bills with the pro-life amendments that would effectively exclude mandated abortion coverage, keep longstanding policies against abortion funding and continue to support conscience rights.

ACTION items:

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail** to Congress, go to www.usccb.org/action.
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices listed below.

MESSAGE to U.S. Senators:

“During floor debate on the health-care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, please oppose the final bill.”

MESSAGE to U.S Representatives:

“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, please oppose the final bill.”

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AND SENATORS:**

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