

Let our voices of faith be heard!

National Call-in Days

TOLL FREE NUMBER:

1-888-797-8717



The time is NOW!

Health care reform has been moving quickly, and while the original timetable is slowing down, we have made unprecedented progress on the path toward health care for all. But we aren't there yet, so we can't let up for a single minute.

The opposition has hired 350 new lobbyists and it's spending nearly \$1.5 million dollars per day to protect their interests. Our friends in Washington tell us that opposition phone calls are vastly outnumbering the phone calls of supporters. We need to change that.

We must raise our voices today!

Faith voices are more important than ever!

Health care reform is going to happen this year. What that reform looks like will depend on who has the ear of our elected leaders. If we want a health care system that reflects our faith-inspired values, it will be up to us to communicate those values.

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

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You will be connected to the Capitol Switchboard. Ask for the office of one of your Senators or 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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Sample faith-inspired messages:

Introduction: Hello. My name is _____, and I am a member of [name of your congregation / community of faith] in [city], [state].

Short message: I urge the Senator/Representative to do all he/she can to make sure that legislation is passed THIS YEAR for a health care future that includes everyone and works well for all of us. (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 you know about the Senator's/Representatives views.

I believe that:

- **In the sacred act of creation**, we are blessed with the talents, wisdom and abundant resources necessary to meet each other's needs. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to promote legislation that demonstrates good stewardship and distributes our health care resources effectively, efficiently, and fairly.
- **Health care is a shared responsibility** that is grounded in our common humanity. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support 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 Senator/Representative _____ to support health care 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.
- **As spiritual and sacred vessels**, we are responsible for the care of our bodies to the best of our ability, AND for the care of one another regardless of individual circumstances. I urge Senator/Representative _____ to support health care legislation in which individuals and institutions work in partnership to ensure our physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Tracking the phone calls

Faithful Reform in Health Care is gathering information about the activities among its partners across the country around health care reform.

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