

**Health Care Reform Is Still In Your Hands.**  
**COMMIT: Call 5 Tennessee**  
**Congressmen Once a Week**  
**1-800-828-0498**



Call Congress! It's not glamorous. But it is important. And it's real easy. Commit to taking a few minutes at least once a week to call your Tennessee members of Congress. *Calling with a different, short message is easy and effective--and it matters.*

Calls needed WEEKLY, in order of priority to Rep. John Tanner, Rep. Bart Gordon, Rep. Lincoln Davis, Rep. .Jim Cooper, and Rep. Steve Cohen. Does not matter if you live in their districts, they need to hear from Tennesseans—that we want a health reform bill by Easter!

**Best days to call are Tuesday and Wednesday** – but any day is a good day to call. It's nice if you can call during the day – but **any time day or night is the right time to call.**

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If you get voice mail, leave a message!

Use a new message each time you call:

**1) Tennesseans need you to be on our side!** It's time for Congress to stand up to big insurance and take OUR SIDE when it comes to health care by: 1) Making the insurance companies follow fair rules; 2) Making health care more affordable for everyone; and 3) Ending discrimination by insurance companies who deny or overprice coverage for pre-existing conditions. Pass the health reform bill now!

**2) Stop insurance companies from profiting at my expense.** Insurance companies make millions by denying coverage to those with pre-existing conditions and dropping those who are sick. They're scared that government will stop their greedy practices, which is exactly what reform will do. We need a health reform bill now!

**3) Earn trust from your constituents.** Passing the health bill will show your constituents whose side you're really on—the side of working people who simply want a fair shake—to work hard, to provide a healthy life for their family, and to know that their children will have a shot at the American dream. Voters will support leaders they can trust—leaders who have actually delivered on their behalf; leaders who believe that what's good enough for their constituents is good enough for them.

**4) Pass comprehensive health reform because most of us want it.** The Washington Post/ABC poll of February 10 confirms that support for reform is still strong! *When asked if lawmakers should keep trying to pass a comprehensive health care reform plan or give up on health reform 63% of the public says keep trying; 88% of Democrats; 56% of Independents, and 42 % of Republicans say they action on major reform!*

When Americans are told specifically and honestly what is in the Senate Bill and how the bill will directly impact them, they want the reforms. Members of Congress need to deliver—pass the bill and show Americans that they had the courage and leadership to do what the public elected them to do—to govern on their behalf.

**5) Congress is doing the right thing.** With the health bill, members of Congress will be in the same boat as us--the people who voted for them. They'll get their health insurance the same way as us--from the Exchange. If it's good enough for them and their kids, it's good enough for me and mine. And I'll support my representative who says "what's good enough for my constituents is good enough for me."

**6) We want government on our side—the side of hardworking Americans.** In just the past year, our government has provided 3 million more American children with health care, invested in and expanded the care and services provided by rural community health centers, and guaranteed that families who suffer the loss of a job and thus health insurance would maintain affordable COBRA coverage. That's the kind of government that works for and delivers—those are the leaders we're going to vote for again.

**7) Health reform bill is on the side of improving the economy and helping business put more people back to work.** Health care costs have been spiraling out of control and becoming more unaffordable for our families. Small businesses are being strangled much in the way that middle-class families have been strangled. This bill supports small businesses with subsidies to assist them in providing care for their employees. It frees up money allowing owners to reinvest in their businesses & create new opportunities for employment. That's how we'll make Main Street stronger in the long run.

**8) Health reform is on America's side.** To assure America's leadership position in the world, it's time we reinvest in our people, our economy, and our kids' future. This health reform bill is one important piece of the puzzle to help keep the best of America going strong in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Pass it now!

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