



Federal
ACTION ALERT

Congressional Summer Recess
Support health care reform that respects human life and dignity

ISSUE: Congress is in recess until September 8, 2009, during which time most members will be returning to their home districts. Negotiations will continue on health care reform and floor votes could occur in the House and Senate soon after the summer recess.

Genuine health care reform **respects human life and dignity** from conception till natural death, **does not mandate abortion** coverage, **protects conscience rights** of providers and **provides access** to quality care for all, with special concern for the poor and immigrants. Current versions of the legislation include unacceptable provisions related to mandated coverage and funding of abortion.

For more information on the bishops' position on reform, visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- > www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/healthcare/index.shtml , or
- > www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/health1.shtml

ACTION: Over the summer recess, contact Senator Bill Nelson and your member of the House of Representatives at their district offices by email, phone or, better yet, meet with them in person at their office or at a town hall meeting to relay the following message:

Please work to pass legislation that:

- Protects the life, dignity and health of all of society;
- Keeps in place longstanding and widely supported measures that prohibit federal abortion funding and mandates, and protect conscience rights of providers;
- Supports effective measures to safeguard the health of the poor, legal immigrants and all pregnant women and children.

To look-up lawmakers' phone numbers and office locations, click [here](#).

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