



*****ACTION ALERT*****

During the month of August the United States Congress is in recess; legislators return home and many schedule town hall meetings for their constituents. These events are important opportunities at which to voice, in a respectful manner, concerns and opinions you may have about important issues facing our country.

One issue that we will continue to hear a great deal about is health care reform legislation. There is still a large amount of work to be done in regards to health care reform legislation; therefore it is vital that your elected representatives hear from you.

Health care reform legislation should include:

- Include health care coverage for all people from conception until natural death;
- Continue the federal ban on funding for abortions and reject any mandate for abortion coverage or access to abortion;
- Include access for all with a special concern for the poor and vulnerable and support inclusion for legal immigrants;
- Preserve pluralism, including freedom of conscience for providers, health care workers and patients; and
- Restrain costs and apply costs equitably among payers.

If you are unable to attend a town hall meeting, or your elected representative is not holding a town hall meeting please call their office and voice your concerns. As Catholics and citizens we have an important role to play in the shaping of our nations policies – please don't miss this opportunity to bring your voice and values to the public square.

[August Congressional Recess Information](#) (Local contact information and information concerning town hall meetings for your Congress people can be found here)

[Catholics and Healthcare Reform](#) (For more information concerning the Catholic position on healthcare reform please click here)