

What price health care?

The health care bill that passed in the U.S. House of Representatives deals a staggering blow to women's rights and reproductive health and well-being. In order to get universal health coverage passed, House Democrats, even many who are pro-choice, agreed to the Stupak-Pitts Amendment, which will prohibit women who participate in the proposed public insurance exchange from obtaining coverage for the full range of reproductive health options. The effect of this Amendment will be an unprecedented restriction on women's access to abortion. Republican Senator Orrin Hatch and Democratic Senator Ben Nelson are planning to introduce an amendment to the Senate health care reform bill that is virtually identical to the Stupak amendment.

Now is the time for our voices to be heard while this bill is being debated in the Senate and before it becomes law. We have to let our legislators in the House and in the Senate know that while universal health coverage is a coveted goal we must take a principled stand against those anti-choice forces that wish to use the proposed health care legislation to further their own agenda. We must also let our representatives know that we will only support them if they support women's reproductive health choices. **YOU CAN HELP--the time is now to act**--contact Senators Schumer, Gillibrand and Reid to demand moral health care reform, without the Stupak-Pitts Amendment. Do it for yourself, do it for your daughters, do it for your granddaughters and do it for women everywhere who may be denied access to all the legal and safe reproductive health options.

Here is a link to a letter that you can send to the addresses below:

http://www.ppaction.org/campaign/hcr09ssnh_af/76w56grq7jjimj3?source=hcr09foc_e4_af

Senator Schumer: 202-224-6542; http://schumer.senate.gov/new_website/contact.cfm

Senator Gillibrand: (202) 224-4451; <http://gillibrand.senate.gov/contact>

Senator Reid: (202) 224-3542; <http://reid.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm>