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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Office of the Speaker
H-232, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

For the last forty years the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association Mission has fulfilled and continues to fulfill it's mission to "Promote and protect the Gloucester, the New England and the Nation's commercial fishing industry, and help retired and active fishermen and their families live a better life."

To live a better life an individual needs to be healthy so he or she can work and be self sufficient and productive. For a long time the fishermen of America and their families have not been able to live better lives because they have not had access to affordable and comprehensive health care.

We urge you to PLEASE vote for the passage of H.R. 3962—America's Affordable Health Choices Act, as it makes it way to the floor of the House of Representatives this weekend.

The small Businesses of America need this Health Care reform so they can move on and can help restore the current fragile economy of our country.

Commercial fishermen work hard to bring the freshest fish to the table of the American people and they provide us with the healthiest food that is good for the heart and body. Everyday, commercial fishermen risk their lives to keep a 400 year old industry alive and healthy for themselves and for generations to come, at the same time the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is slowly forcing them out, as such, We, really hope that the United States Congress recognizes who "The man that go down to the sea in ships" are, and, stands by them by passing H.R. 3962 —America's Affordable Health Choices Act this weekend.

We look forward to working with you and other Members of Congress to ensure health care reform is passed this year. We recognize that there is still much more work to be done, and that it has not been easy, however, we are willing to work closely with you to ensure that all those who provide healthy food for the Nation and need health care will not be left out.

Sincerely,

Angela Sanfilippo
GFWA President