Nov. 3, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of USAction and our affiliates and partners in 28 states, I write to commend you and your colleagues for introducing H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009. USAction is a co-founder of Health Care for America Now, the nation's largest health care campaign, and I serve as co-chair of the coalition's steering committee.

USAction and our affiliates and partners have worked long and hard for health care reform this year. Since the beginning of May we and our state coalition partners have generated 389,028 grassroots contacts into Congress, including phone calls, letters, faxes, emails and petitions. We've organized and supported 363 town hall meetings and forums on health care. And we've turned out more than 50,000 supporters to more than 1,000 Congressional outreach activities, including town halls, lobby visits, grassroots call-in days, petition deliveries, press conferences and letter-writing campaigns.

USAction supports H.R. 3962 because it provides more affordable, quality coverage for all, calls for shared responsibility for individuals, employers and government, and expands health insurance coverage choices, including being able to retain one's current coverage, have additional private plan options and a public health insurance option designed to lower costs and keep insurance companies honest.

In addition, the progressive financing provisions in H.R. 3962 ensure that middle-income families do not assume an even greater burden for securing comprehensive health insurance coverage for their families. Health care reform will only work with everyone pays their fair share – including the very wealthiest Americans who have benefited from tax burden-shifting policies of the past eight years.

USAction is proud to extend its strong support for this legislation, and we look forward to working with you and other leaders in Congress and the Administration to see comprehensive health care reform enacted into law as soon as possible. This is an historic opportunity to address the nation's health care crisis, and the Affordable Health Care Act of 2009 is an important step toward seizing that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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