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Meeting with legislators regarding the Weiner Amendment

Go with a group. A group of people between 5-15 can be very effective at communicating that a large number of constituents care deeply about true health care reform.

Identify a spokesperson. Having 1 person responsible for keeping pressure on the legislator can be incredibly useful as they can keep the representative on task.

Stay on message and on target. We support Rep. Weiner's Amendment which replaces the present health care bill with HR 676- legislation that is truly single payer.

If they agree to support the Weiner Amendment, demand that they become more involved. Representatives should go on the public record for their support and encourage their colleagues to vote for the Weiner Amendment as well.

If they are unsure, or will not vote for the Weiner Amendment but are sympathetic, ask that they support the Kucinich Amendment to HR 3200. The Kucinich Amendment allows states to individually choose a single payer health system.

If they do not support single payer national health insurance, don't alienate them. This is the social justice issue of our time and it will be an enduring struggle. We don't want to burn bridges with representatives that don't support us now but may support us later.

No matter what, send a thank you note along with any additional information.

Let us know how it goes. A quick email or phone call is all it takes to help us keep better track of where legislators stand and helps us to more efficiently target our resources.

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