

To my Representative and Senators:

I voted for change in 2008. And since then, I've made phone calls and knocked on doors, held meetings and more. I can't wait for that change anymore.

The millions of people like me who can't afford our health care can't wait; the 45,000 people who die every year because they don't have insurance can't wait; the families filing for bankruptcy because of medical bills can't wait; the state budgets crushed by health care costs can't wait. All the changes we need can't wait – good jobs, protecting the environmental, worker's rights, immigration and reining in Wall Street. I'm fed up. I want the change I voted for and I want it now! Because if the insurance companies and big corporations win, I lose.

That change starts with getting health insurance reform done and getting it done right. To finish the job and deliver a health reform bill that meets the needs of families like mine, I urge that you to make sure the final health care bill resolves a number of critical outstanding issues. These issues may be summarized under two goals:

1. Make GOOD health care affordable

Low and middle income families must be able to afford health insurance, and employers must be asked to provide good health coverage for their employees so health care is affordable at work. Health care should not be paid for with a tax on middle class health benefits.

2. Hold insurance companies accountable

If the insurance companies win, I lose. Insurance companies must be held accountable with strong regulations and consumer protections, and we must be given the choice of a national public health insurance option available on day one across the United States.

I need you to stand up to the corporate lobbyists and the Republicans who do nothing but say “no” to the President's agenda. I need you to deliver the change I voted for. I need you to get it done, and get it done right.

Sincerely,