

Debate on abortion in health care moves to Senate, then back to House

This newsletter helps you make one contact a month to policy-makers to protect innocent human lives.



National Health Care Plan

Last month the U.S. House of Representatives passed Speaker Nancy Pelosi's national health care insurance plan, HR 3962, but not before adopting the pro-life Stupak-Pitts Amendment to remove abortion coverage. Of the 32 U.S. representatives from Texas, all 20 Republicans voted for the pro-life Stupak-Pitts Amendment. They were joined by four Democrats.

This month we ask you contact your own U.S. representative about his or her vote on that amendment. U.S. reps who voted pro-life need to be thanked, and those who did not need to be admonished.

The enclosed address form lists the name of your U.S. representative. You can see how all 32 U.S. representatives from Texas voted on the next page.

The debate has moved to the U.S. Senate. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced his own plan that dropped the Stupak-Pitts Amendment and substituted entirely unacceptable language that would fund abortion on demand in two big new federal government programs. It is not clear whether Reid has enough votes to pass his bill.

However, if Reid's bill leaves the U.S. Senate, there will be another major battle in the U.S. House about the abortion issue. We need your help to show support for those U.S. reps that voted pro-life and admonish those who did not.

For updates, visit www.TexasAllianceforLife.org.

Sample Messages -- Please Use Your Own Words

Sample Phone/Email Message for U.S. Reps Who Supported the Pro-Life Stupak-Pitts Amendment:

Hello, my name is (name). I live at (address). Please thank Representative _____ for supporting the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to HR 3962 to explicitly exclude tax-funded abortion coverage. Abortion is not health care, and I do not want my tax dollars to pay for abortion. Thank you.

Sample Phone/Email Message for U.S. Reps Who Opposed the Pro-Life Stupak-Pitts Amendment:

Hello, my name is (name). I live at (address). Please express my disappointment to Representative _____ for opposing the Stupak-Pitts Amendment to HR 3962 to explicitly exclude tax-funded abortion coverage. Abortion is not health care, and I do not want my tax dollars to pay for abortion. Thank you.

See the next page for U.S. reps and contact information.

U.S. Representatives from Texas

Supported the Pro-Life Stupak-Pitts Amendment

1	Rep. Louie Gohmert (R) www.house.gov/gohmert	202.225.3035
2	Rep. Ted Poe (R) www.house.gov/poe	202.225.6565
3	Rep. Sam Johnson (R) www.house.gov/samjohnson	202.225.4201
4	Rep. Ralph Hall (R) www.house.gov/ralphhall	202.225.6673
5	Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R) www.house.gov/hensarling	202.225.3484
6	Rep. Joe Barton (R) www.house.gov/barton	202.225.2002
7	Rep. John Culberson (R) www.house.gov/culberson	202.225.2571
8	Rep. Kevin Brady (R) www.house.gov/brady	202.225.4901
10	Rep. Michael McCaul (R) www.house.gov/mccaul	202.225.2401
11	Rep. Mike Conaway (R) www.house.gov/conaway	202.225.3605
12	Rep. Kay Granger (R) www.house.gov/granger	202.225.5071
13	Rep. William Thornberry (R) www.house.gov/thornberry	202.225.3706
14	Rep. Ron Paul (R) www.house.gov/paul	202.225.2831
16	Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D) www.house.gov/reyes	202.225.4831
19	Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R) www.house.gov/neugebauer	202.225.4005
21	Rep. Lamar Smith (R) www.house.gov/lamarsmith	202.225.4236
22	Rep.-Elect Pete Olson (R) www.house.gov/olson	202.225.5951
23	Rep. Ciro Rodriguez (D) www.house.gov/rodriguez	202.225.4511
24	Rep. Kenny Marchant (R) www.house.gov/marchant	202.225.6605
26	Rep. Michael Burgess (R) www.house.gov/burgess	202.225.7772
27	Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D) www.house.gov/ortiz	202.225.7742
28	Rep. Henry Cuellar (D) www.house.gov/cuellar	202.225.1640
31	Rep. John Carter (R) www.house.gov/carter	202.225.3864
32	Rep. Pete Sessions (R) www.house.gov/sessions	202.225.2231

Opposed the Pro-Life Stupak-Pitts Amendment

9	Rep. Al Green (D) www.house.gov/algreen	202.225.7508
15	Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D) www.house.gov/hinojosa	202.225.2531
17	Rep. Chet Edwards (D) www.house.gov/edwards	202.225.6105
18	Rep. Shelia Jackson-Lee (D) www.house.gov/jacksonlee	202.225.3816
20	Rep. Charles Gonzalez (D) www.house.gov/gonzalez	202.225.3236
25	Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D) www.house.gov/doggett	202.225.4865
29	Rep. Gene Green (D) www.house.gov/green	202.225.1688
30	Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) www.house.gov/ebjohnson	202.225.8885