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URGE YOUR LOCAL TO JOIN LABOR UNITED!

LUUHC can keep you, your fellow members and leaders up-to-date on the latest developments in healthcare reform. We can provide speakers, trainings, materials, and volunteer opportunities to get involved in the fight for a sustainable, secure, and just healthcare system for all.

Individual memberships are also available.

ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

At its last convention, the AFL-CIO passed Resolution 34: “The Social Insurance Model for Health Care Reform” which states that “all families deserve the security of a universal health care system that guarantees access based on need rather than income. Health care is a fundamental human right and an important measure of social justice.”

Labor United is committed to working toward a future in which healthcare is no longer tied to employment—so that families are not left uncovered or struggling to pay high COBRA premiums when jobs are lost.

The universal health care movement shows Labor at its best—the movement for ALL workers and families—and not just for our members. When we fight for healthcare for all, we are once again, as the bumper sticker says, the “folks who brought you” the weekend, minimum wage, Civil Rights Act, Social Security, Americans with Disabilities Act, and on and on.



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OUR MISSION

To establish a sustainable, secure, and just healthcare system through education, mobilization, and advocacy within the Labor Movement and beyond

OUR MEMBERS

We are a coalition of 35 unions and labor-allied organizations, as well as individual activists

LABOR UNITED FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE EDUCATING, MOBILIZING, AND ADVOCATING TO...

ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- Health insurance premiums have grown 4x faster than wages. This growth is unsustainable & costs continue to be shifted onto workers through increased co-pays and deductibles. We can no longer trade wages for premiums going to wasteful insurance companies and do nothing to improve our health.
- Our healthcare system places a significant burden on the U.S. economy and businesses—we spend almost twice as much per capita on healthcare than other industrialized nations that are able to cover more residents, and better compete in the global marketplace.
- Federal healthcare reform leaves the insurance companies firmly entrenched in the system, and does not effectively control costs. The California Universal Healthcare Act will control this inflation: when “everybody’s in”—and insurance companies are out—there is shared responsibility, and a much larger pool to share risk and drive down costs.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Aetna CEO’s total compensation in ‘08: \$24,300,112
- The 7th leading cause of death in the U.S is lack of health care coverage
- 35% of all bankruptcies are due to lack of health insurance

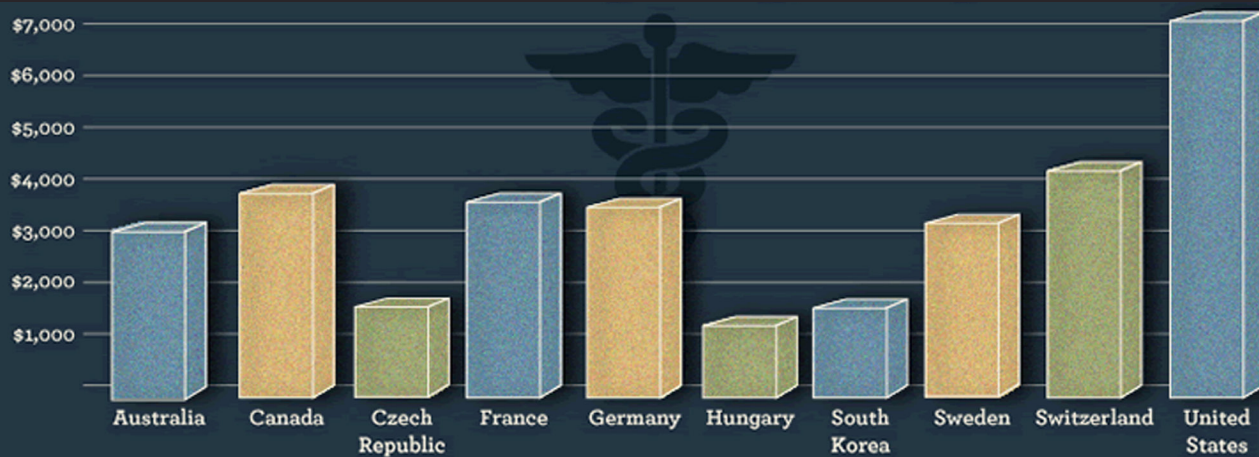
WIN HEALTHCARE SECURITY

- Now when workers lose their jobs or become ill and can no longer work they’re forced to pay expensive COBRA premiums or are left to fend for themselves in the individual market where coverage is costly. At difficult times, no one should be forced to choose between continuing their healthcare coverage for themselves/their family and other basic needs.
- Federal healthcare reform continues an employer-based system in which it will soon be cheaper for businesses to pay a fine for not insuring their employees than to cover them—the California Universal Healthcare Act ensures that all employers pay their fair share and makes sure workers and their families are covered when they need it most!

PROMOTE A JUST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- Many of our fellow members and co-workers hold part-time, temporary/ seasonal jobs—or do freelance work- and are not able to meet the threshold for employer-sponsored health-care—our own brothers and sisters are often forced to go without coverage.
- Federal healthcare reform expands a system in which people have different levels of care and millions will still be left uninsured. The California Universal Healthcare Act guarantees access and comprehensive coverage to all residents of the state, creates an equitable system, and removes waste, profiteering and exorbitant insurance company CEO salaries from our healthcare system!

HEALTH CARE SPENDING PER CAPITA



Sources: OECD, CIA World Factbook. Chart: Kiplinger