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TO: All Locals (District 6 only)

FROM: Richard Kneupper, Assistant to the Vice President 

SUBJECT: Health Care Reform – Contacting U.S. Representatives and Senators

As you should be aware, the Senate Finance Committee is presenting a bad bill that would cause an excise tax on health care benefits, which would create a dismantling of health care plans and has no public option. Several other good bills have been referred out of committees, such as the bill that is coming out of the Senate Labor Committee. We believe the next step will be for the Senate leadership to merge these bills and we certainly want the merged bill to look more like the Senate Labor Committee bill than the Senate Finance Committee bill. This is why we need everyone to contact their U.S. Senators this week and next week and urge them to oppose the Senate Finance Committee bill but to support bills like the Senate Labor Committee bill. (See the attached flyer)

We also need to be contacting House members today and tomorrow to ask them to sign on to a letter being circulated by Congressman Joe Courtney. The intent of the letter is to shore up support in the House protecting HR 3200 and express opposition to health benefits excise tax like the one being considered by the Senate Finance Committee. (See attached list of Congressmen who have signed onto the letter so far)

We need to generate more calls and letters to members of Congress over these issues now. A merged bill could hit the Senate floor by mid October with the House following shortly after that.

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cc: All District 6 Staff
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Co- Signer List on Congressman Courtney's letter:

1. Abercrombie
2. Boucher
3. Brady
4. Cohen
5. Doggett
6. Edwards
7. Ellison
8. Fudge
9. Hall
10. Hare
11. Hastings
12. Hirono
13. Kildee
14. Kilroy
15. Loeb sack
16. McCollum
17. Michaud
18. Moore
19. Pingree
20. Quigley
21. Richardson
22. Ryan
23. Schakowsky
24. Schauer
25. Shea-Porter
26. Shuler
27. Sutton
28. Walz
29. Welch
30. Woolsey