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TO: All District 6 Local Presidents

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SUBJECT: Health Care Reform – Urgent Push Needed for Public Option

Significant progress has been made with today's announcement that 150 cosigners have signed on to Rep. Joe Courtney's Dear Colleague letter in the House of Representatives opposing the excise tax on our health care plans. This is a great milestone to reach in the drive for reform and the momentum continues this week with another challenge -- the push for a public option plan.

Senators Sherrod Brown, Jay Rockefeller and Russ Feingold have asked CWA to get other senators to join them in sending a Dear Colleague letter to Majority Leader Harry Reid in support of a strong public option plan. Attached is the Dear Colleague letter which shows those senators who have already signed on.

Please contact your U.S. Senators immediately and ask them to support the Dear Colleague letter to Senator Reid.

There is a very short window of opportunity for this letter to gain the momentum it needs. Therefore, your immediate attention to this call for action is appreciated.

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Attachment

cc: All District 6 Staff  
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Local State Coordinators  
Congressional District Campaign Coordinators