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Call to Action!

Send Editorial in Support of Healthcare Reform to Your Local Media

With the release of healthcare reform bills by the Senate and House of Representatives, healthcare reform is gaining momentum. However, interests concerned with maintaining the status quo are working feverishly to slow down or stop this process.

We need your help to keep momentum for healthcare reform in Washington. Please use the [template](#) provided by the National Council to **send an editorial to your local paper** to ensure it will be in the papers while your Members of Congress are home over the **July 4th recess**. In the template, you will have ample opportunity to personalize the editorial to express the needs and concerns of your organization and community. Please include individual stories from your organization, either from a person receiving services from your organization or a person who needs service but has been unable to receive them.

After the editorial has been published, please send the article to:

- your Members' local offices (both your Senators and Representatives)
- your Members' Washington, D.C. offices
- the [National Council](#)

This is a great opportunity to **bring awareness to how state budget cuts are impacting your organization and the increasing rates of uninsured individuals seeking help at your facility.** It is also important to continue to let Members of Congress know that healthcare reform is supported in their district and that the concerns over paying for healthcare reform can't stop healthcare reform from moving forward. Click [here](#) to access the cover letter template which can accompany your article to your Members of Congress. You can find the contact information for your Members of Congress through the National Council's [website](#).

If you need assistance with the op-ed or with any of your media efforts around this editorial, please do not hesitate to contact Meena Dayak at MeenaD@thenationalcouncil.org or 202.684.7457. Samples of recent National Council and member media coverage are on our [website](#).

You can get the latest statistics on your state's unemployment level [online](#).