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Talking Points on Healthcare Reform

As Congress begins the August recess, Members are returning to their districts to hear directly from their constituents on the issues that are important to them. Members will hold over 175 town hall meetings, listening sessions and radio shows in the month of August. The most discussed issue will probably be healthcare reform. To help prepare you for these interactions the National Council has put together the following talking points for your use.

Talking Points:

Healthcare reform legislation being considered in Congress contains many insurance reforms designed to protect American families, including prohibition on pre-existing condition exclusions, moving to community rating, and nullifying all annual and lifetime limits on insurance policies.

Here are some suggestions about how to describe these important changes:

- Healthcare reform will give you stable and secure coverage that cannot be taken away, stable costs that won't eat away at your paycheck, and the peace of mind that you can keep your current plan and doctor if you want to.
- Insurers won't be able to deny you care for an illness you had years ago, a pre-existing problem or because of your age.
- This is a uniquely American solution that gives you the certainty that you will always have choice of quality, affordable healthcare.
- Small businesses will get tax breaks to help buy coverage for themselves and their employees; they'll have a choice of affordable health options.

If you would like to know if your Member of Congress is hosting a town hall meeting in August, please feel free to contact [Christina Hammond](#) at 202-684-7457 x 235. If you have any other questions about healthcare reform, please contact [Chuck Ingoglia](#).

After you attend a town hall meeting or have any other contact with your Members, please complete our brief [online evaluation](#) so we hear how the meeting went.