



# POLITICAL ACTION

## It's Time to change America!

### Health care Reform; The Time is Now!

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If you have watched the news or read a newspaper you know that the Health Care Reform debate is heating up. Congress has drafted a bill that SEIU fully supports. Some of the highlights include:

- A public health option
- The end to discriminatory practices, like not covering people because of a pre-existing condition. Many people who are sick right now don't even have an option to buy coverage because no one will cover them!
- Caps on out of pocket spending on healthcare costs
- Shared responsibility among individuals, employers, corporate America and the government.

**Congressman Brian Higgins** is in support of real health care reform. He is standing up and doing the right thing for our communities, our facilities and our patients! If you live in Congressman Higgins district, please call his office at 852-3501, and say thank you for standing up for REAL HEALTH CARE REFORM!

If you live in **Congressman Eric Massa's** district, please call his office at 585-218-0040 and tell him to support H.R. 3200 because health reform **CANNOT** wait!

If you live in **Congressman Dan Maffei's** district, please call his office at 315-423-5657 and tell him to support H.R. 3200 because health care reform **CANNOT** wait!

**Don't forget to leave your name and address when calling your representative.**

With costs on the rise and our paychecks being pulled in so many directions, it may be hard to see how Political Action Contributions (PAC) fall into our family budgets. But, the fact is, Political Action is one of the things that is working right now to make sure we can keep our jobs and benefits, support ourselves and improve our way of life.

### **What is PAC?**

PAC is a separate fund that funds the political and legislative activities of the union.

Political Action has won us billions of dollars in healthcare funding, grants and great new bills that represent the needs of all healthcare workers. With devastating healthcare cuts being proposed each year, we have to have a voice in Albany and Washington in order to win the battle for a better healthcare system.

**Political Action works with our friends  
On both sides of the aisle!**



### **What are some things that Political Action has done lately?**

✍️ Help elect candidates that fight for working families!

✍️ 1199SEIU Political Action won a ban on mandatory overtime for nurses in NYS. Political Action lobbied our politicians to pass this bill that went into effect on July 1, 2009. (For more information on the band on mandatory overtime please visit

[http://www.1199seiu.org/members/occupations/rn/mandatory\\_overtime.cfm](http://www.1199seiu.org/members/occupations/rn/mandatory_overtime.cfm))

For \$2 a week, you are joining with healthcare workers across the state in fighting for job security, better working conditions, funding for our hospitals, community health centers, and nursing homes!

**You must vote in order to make a difference! You must be registered in order to vote!**

**Are you and your co-workers registered to vote?**