



# Legislative Action Alert

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## Moment of Truth: Help Push Indian Health Care Improvement Act & Health Care Reform Over the Line

Likely within the next 3 days, the House will vote on the Senate health care reform bill, which includes the permanent reauthorization of the **Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA)**! Now more than ever, your Members of Congress need to hear from **YOU**. Let them know Indian Country wants them to vote YES for health care reform, because it is health care for *all* Americans.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Call your Representatives (202-224-3121) **TODAY** and urge them to vote for the health care reform bill.

### **TELL THEM:**

- The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is in the Senate bill and you expect their full support for this **TOP PRIORITY FOR INDIAN COUNTRY**.
- A Vote **YES** is a Vote for **OUR** health

### **WHO NEEDS TO HEAR FROM INDIAN COUNTRY:**

*Notes:* Every listed Member of Congress below is a Democrat. \* indicates a co-sponsor of the IHCIA (H.R. 2708).

#### ARIZONA

**Harry Mitchell** – Undecided; GOP target.

**Raul Grijalva\*** – Leaning yes; Despite many threats, Arizona liberal expected to vote yes.

**Gabrielle Giffords** – Undecided; GOP target.

#### CALIFORNIA

**Dennis Cardoza** – Undecided; Secured language for his District before last year's vote.

**Jim Costa** – Undecided; Secured project for his District before Nov. vote on House bill.

**Joe Baca\*** – Leaning yes; Said “Recently, Country can't wait any longer for reform.”

COLORADO: **John Salazar\*** – Undecided; GOP target.

FLORIDA: **Ron Klein** – Undecided; GOP target.

MAINE: **Mike Michaud\*** – Likely yes.

Michigan: **Mark Schauer\*** – Undecided.

NORTH DAKOTA: **Earl Pomeroy** – Undecided; Voted against House health care bill in committee, and for it on the House floor.

NEW MEXICO: **Harry Teague\*** – Leaning no; Told *The Hill* newspaper that he will review bill to see if final bill brings costs down.

#### NEVADA

**Shelley Berkley** – Undecided; Told *Politico* newspaper she does not like the Senate bill.

**Dina Titus** – Undecided; Her office told *The Hill* newspaper that the congresswoman is undecided. Voted no on House health care reform bill in committee and yes on the floor last year.

NEW YORK: **Bill Owens** – Undecided; One of first votes in Congress was yes on House health bill. Media reports have him as undecided.

#### OREGON

**David Wu** – Undecided; He was undecided for three hours during 2003 Medicare drug vote, then voted with the GOP.

**Kurt Schrader** – Undecided; Budget Committee member didn't vote during March 15 markup. In competitive reelection race.

SOUTH DAKOTA: **Stephanie Herseth Sandlin** – Likely no; Congresswoman told the *Rapid City Journal* she's a "no," noting she is not a fan of reconciliation. She also voted no on education reform bill expected to move in reconciliation with healthcare reform.

#### WASHINGTON

**Brian Baird** – Undecided.

**Adam Smith** – Undecided.

#### WISCONSIN

**Ron Kind** – Undecided; He represents a competitive district. He voted against bill in committee

**David Obey** – Undecided; He is waiting to review bill language. Likely yes.

WEST VIRGINIA: **Nick Rahall\*** – Undecided; Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

**Source:** <http://thehill.com/homenews/house/85693-whip-watch-the-hills-survey-of-house-dems-positions-on-healthcare->

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**THANK YOU!!!!!!**