

# National Indian Health Board

October 29, 2009

Dear Tribal Leader:



**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT FOR INDIAN HEALTH! WE NEED YOU!**

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is included in the House of Representative's health care reform bill, introduced this morning as HR 3962.

We have been fighting for 10 years to get IHCIA passed – and this is our only chance to get the IHCIA reauthorization through the House this year. And it's a good chance – but, only if you call your House Members NOW.

We need your active help today and next week for to get this bill passed. In fact, we need all Tribal Members to communicate with their Representatives!!! Spread the word.

The version of the IHCIA in health reform is the same as the IHCIA reauthorization in HR 2708. In addition, it contains the PERMANENT reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act! This is the best IHCIA package for Indian Country.

***If health care reform fails – the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Fails.*** That is why we need your help. CALL OR EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TODAY and tell them:

- I need you to vote for HR 3962 – the Affordable Health Care For America Act – which contains several important things for Indian Country;
- The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is in HR3962;
- Me, my Tribe and ALL TRIBES have been working on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act for more than 10 years;
- The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is the baseline for all health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives and it is shameful that it has not been modernized in 14 years;
- This bill in our chance and me and my Tribe are asking for your vote in favor of HR 3962;
- A vote for HR 3962 is a VOTE FOR INDIAN PEOPLE.

**CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD: (202) 224-3121**

**SAMPLE LETTER ATTACHED**

**MEMBER OF CONGRESS FINDER SERVICE (FREE):**

<https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>

Thank you for your active work to move IHCIA through the House of Representatives. Please contact Stacy A. Bohlen at NIHB ([sbohlen@nihb.org](mailto:sbohlen@nihb.org)) if you have any questions or need additional information.

**LET NIHB KNOW WHO YOU CONTACTED SO WE CAN FOLLOW UP.  
THANK YOU!!!!!!**



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