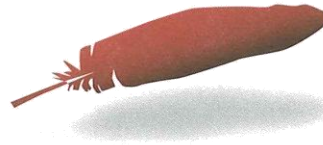


# National Indian Health Board



## TRIBAL ACTION ALERT!

### **HR 2708 - House Introduces Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization Bill!**

On Thursday, June 4, 2009, Congressman Frank Pallone, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, with 16 original cosponsors, introduced the IHCIA Reauthorization bill, HR 2708, in the House of Representatives. The House Committee on Natural Resources will hold a hearing on HR 2708 on **Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 10 am** in Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building.

The bill's substance results from the diligent work of the Tribal National Steering Committee, with Tribal Leader representation from all 12 Areas, with support from national Tribal organizations, Area Indian Health Boards and Tribal advocates around the nation who continue to work for IHCIA reauthorization. The content of HR 2708 builds on previous versions, including S. 1200, as approved by the Senate during the 110th Congress and HR 1328, also considered during the previous Congress. This new version of the bill also contains several advancements that Tribes wanted but were dropped from earlier versions.

Thank you to all of the Tribes and individuals who participated in the *NIHB Call to Action* for original cosponsors of this legislation — it was a success but, **our work has just begun!**

### **How Can You Help?**

1. Please call the key congressional supporters of the bill and thank them:  
Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
  - Congressman Frank Pallone, Chairman, Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health
  - Congressman Nick Rahall, Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee
  - Congressman Dale Kildee, Chairman, House Native American Caucus
2. Please continue to contact your Representatives and ask them to become a cosponsor of this critically important legislation.

### **THE MESSAGE:**

- \* Health Care Reform remains to be a top priority for Indian Country.
- \* The IHCIA is Indian Country's health bill and must be passed this year.

Sample letter (adapt to your needs) and fact sheets included.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Keep your eye on [www.nihb.org](http://www.nihb.org) for regular updates and action items on which Tribal help will be needed. For more information, please contact **Jennifer Cooper, JD, MPA**, NIHB's Legislative Director by email or phone at (202) 680-4455.