

Sample Letters to U.S. Reps Regarding Their Vote on the Health Care Bill

The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative _____:

[Sample Language To Thank Those Who Voted for the Bill:]

I am writing on behalf of the ___ members of the Communications Workers of America Local _____ who live in your congressional district. I want to let you know how much we appreciate your vote for the Affordable Health Care for America Act. It was a hard fight leading up to this vote, but CWA members are proud that you stood up for working families.

The legislation meets important priorities for CWA: it requires large employers to contribute to the cost of health coverage; it provides needed protections for retirees; it includes a public plan option to offer a safety net and to help control costs; and it does not tax benefits, but instead pays for reform in a progressive way by placing a small surtax on the wealthiest 0.3 percent of Americans. I believe this legislation will help CWA keep the health benefits we have won over the years for our members. This is critically important to working families.

I will make sure that CWA members know that you were on our side in this historic vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your name, Local number and address

[Sample Language to Those Who Voted Against the Bill:]

I am writing on behalf of the _____ members of Communications Workers of America Local _____ who live in your congressional district. I want to express the disappointment many of us feel about the vote you cast against the Affordable Health Care for America Act.

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Your vote against this legislation was not in the best interests of working families. I will let CWA members know that you were not on our side for this important vote.

Sincerely,

Your name, Local number and address