

## IF IT'S WORTH HAVING — IT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR



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common sense solution to a common problem.*

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## Declaration of Health Independence and Security

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for citizens of this nation and its separate but equal states to transform conditions related to the common good within our control and necessary in order to assure the basic human rights of all, recognition of our common humanity and a decent respect to the opinions of humankind compel us to declare those conditions for which we demand such a transformation.

**Healthcare is a basic human right.** To this end, we the undersigned citizen representatives of these assembled states, declare our dedication to the transformation of the profit-driven healthcare system into one of our shared humanity under a social insurance model—a publicly funded, privately and publicly delivered system, equally available to all. Current expenditures on healthcare can and must fund this systemic transformation.

**Working in our individual and several states,** we will educate our fellow residents, petition our legislators for our collective redress of grievances under the current system, and pursue passage of citizen-driven healthcare policy legislation.

**We hold these truths still to be self-evident,** that all men and women are created equal and have certain unalienable rights. Among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that in order to enjoy these rights, access to healthcare without regard to financial or any other barriers must be secured.

**Signed this 10th day of April, 2010, at Central Baptist  
Church of Wayne, Pennsylvania by:**

*representatives from West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, California, New York, Colorado, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota*

## The Health Care For All Ohioans Act (HCFAOA)

### THE CIVILIZED AND RESPONSIBLE HEALTH CARE ACCESS SOLUTION



**A Buckeye State plan to secure  
access to COMPREHENSIVE and  
COMPLETE medical care  
for ALL of us**

### Comprehensive means ALL:

Medical Care	Ambulance Services
Mental Health	Addiction Treatment
Dental Care	Preventive Care
Vision Care	Long Term Care
Physical Therapy	Hospice Care
Prescription Drug	Home Health Care

### Complete means:

**No Lifetime Cap  
No Deductibles  
No Co-Pays**

## Why Ohio? Why NOW? Didn't federal insurance reform (PPACA) fix this?

While the PPACA forbids the denial of coverage due to pre-existing conditions and requires insurers to maintain coverage of children up to age 26, it does not limit what insurers can charge— there are no cost controls. Further, by mandating that individuals buy coverage employers have an incentive to drop coverage, because the penalty they pay for doing so is less than the cost of continuing coverage.

- Millions will remain uninsured or underinsured and in danger of financial ruin
- Medical bankruptcy will decrease by only 12.5% under the PPACA
- Costs will continue to skyrocket



### Ohio should opt UP, NOT out!

Data shows that under the Health Care For All Ohioans Act :

- Ohio school districts could save \$1.4 billion annually
- Centralized administration eliminates waste
- Businesses would be more competitive due to lowered health care costs and a leveled playing field

## ALL Ohioans will benefit



### The Health Care For All Ohioans Act provides:

- **Freedom** from fear of losing everything because of medical debt
- **Freedom** to choose your own hospital and doctors
- **Freedom** from deductibles and co-pays
- **Freedom** to work at a job you love, not a job you hate but keep because you need the insurance
- **Freedom** from the need for Medicare supplemental insurance

The Health Care For All Ohioans plan is funded by existing State and Federal funds and a mix of fairly distributed fees assessed to employer payrolls and business activity. The vast majority of businesses and individuals would reap substantial savings compared to what they currently pay for insurance premiums, administrative costs, co-pays and deductibles.

The Health Care For All Ohioans Act means publicly-financed, privately provided quality, comprehensive health care for all.

**EVERYBODY IN  
NOBODY OUT!**

## ENDORSED BY:

- AFSCME Ohio Council 8
- Ohio AFL-CIO
- Ohio UAW Community Action Program
- Cincinnati Federation of Teachers
- Cleveland City Council
- Columbus City Council
- Cuyahoga County Commissioners
- Dayton City Commission
- South Park United Methodist, Dayton
- Unitarian Universalist Church, Columbus
- Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee
- Scores of medical professionals
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