

This resolution could be modified or simplified but it covers the basic points. If rank & file members can submit this to their Local Unions, it will show support for Conyers' plan.

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**UAW Local \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution on National Health Care**

WHEREAS: The UAW International UAW Constitutional Conventions have, over a number of years, vigorously endorsed the concept of a Universal, Comprehensive, Single-Payer Health Care System in the United States and reaffirmed that endorsement at our most recent Constitutional Convention in 2007, and;

WHEREAS: No union today can effectively engage in collective bargaining without facing concession demands or hard choices regarding health care coverage in our contracts. The absence of a universal health care system and disproportionate costs of health insurance at the bargaining table has significantly depressed our member's wages despite the productivity gains their work has produced, and;

WHEREAS: now the negotiated healthcare coverage of all UAW Big 3 Auto retirees and active workers is at risk of being stripped away, despite all the years of wage hour contributions and wage deferrals we have made to provide it as a lifetime benefit. And, in recognition that the only a National Healthcare Plan, as embodied in HR 676 introduced by Michigan Congressman John Conyers, can truly provide the coverage to protect our families in this time of crisis and economic turmoil, and;

WHEREAS: forty-seven million other Americans, including 15 million children, are without health insurance and millions more, a majority of whom are employed, are underinsured; and

WHEREAS: H.R. 676 is the only current proposal which will provide a cost-effective, single-payer system which continues to protect the free choice of physicians and comprehensive prescription drug coverage to seniors, and

WHEREAS: numerous labor bodies from all across the country have launched a renewed grassroots labor campaign to bring about the enactment of H.R. 676, often called the "Medicare for All" Bill, there is just cause for this UAW Local Union to join in the effort to build and support that campaign and to recommend it to all of our retired and active members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that UAW Local \_\_\_\_\_ reaffirms our International Union's full support a Single-Payer healthcare solution and acknowledges that H. R. 676 "The Medicare for All National Health Care Act" is the only pending legislation that provides that solution. We enthusiastically endorse HR 676 and will participate and promote the upcoming national meeting to develop a national grassroots labor campaign for its passage into law.

Fraternally submitted: