



Letter to the Editor Campaign: New York Health Act

Let's convince our NY State Senators to co-sponsor the New York Health Act by writing letters to newspapers and getting the word out. Urge friends and neighbors to send letters to the editors of your local newspapers as well.

Simple tips for Writing a Letter to the Editor:

- Keep it short
- Make it personal
- Be accurate
- Proofread it

Submitting your letter:

When you submit your letter, include your name, home address, email address, and daytime phone number, as some publications may call you for verification. Feel free to submit to more than one newspaper.

Sample letter, format #1, an open letter to your State Senator (remember to also mail to your Senator!):

An open letter to Senator _____ (your senator's name here):

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor the New York Health Act, providing universal and affordable health care to all New Yorkers. As a _____ (parent, teacher, business owner, etc) in the community, this bill will help me by (your personal story eg , allowing me to choose our own doctor for a sick relative, making NY business friendly since it reduces costs for businesses, making it more affordable with no deductible or co-pay).

In addition, the New York Health Act will reduce costs for the state of NY, even if ACA is repealed, by reducing administrative waste and increasing bargaining power for pharmaceuticals and medical devices. PLEASE CO-SPONSOR THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT, Senate Bill S3525.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sample letter, format #2, a letter to your community

Universal health care may be out of reach nationally, but it's possible in New York—if our State Senators vote YES on the New York Health Act. The NY Health Act is a bill for comprehensive, universal health coverage for every New Yorker that would replace private insurance. The bill already has enough votes to pass in the NYS Assembly and

only five more votes are needed in the NYS Senate for passage.

With the NY Health Act, we'll have freedom to choose our health care providers and our doctors—not insurance companies—will decide what is medically necessary. The coverage will be paid for like Medicare, based on one's ability to pay so it will be fair, and it's good for local businesses, because employers will no longer have to buy health insurance for their employees.

In addition, the New York Health Act will reduce costs for the state of NY, even if ACA is repealed, by reducing administrative waste and increasing bargaining power for pharmaceuticals and medical devices. PLEASE CALL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND URGE THEM TO CO-SPONSOR THE NEW YORK HEALTH ACT, Senate Bill S3525. We'll all be healthier for it!

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- **The Daily Freeman:** letters@freemanonline.com
- **Times Herald Record:**
<http://services.hudsonvalley.com/reader-services/submissions/letter-to-editor/>
- **Sullivan County Democrat:** editor@sc-democrat.com
- **Albany Times Union:** <http://www.timesunion.com/lettertoeditor/>
- **Columbia Register Star:** https://www.registerstar.com/site/forms/online_services/letter/
- **Mid-Hudson News:** <http://midhudsonnews.com/letters.htm>
- **Poughkeepsie Journal:**
http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/staticfiles/news/forms/letter_form.htm

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