



## **Phone Call Script / Talking Points: New York Health Act** Target: NYS Senators Representing Ulster County

**When calling your State Senator, you may get lucky and actually speak with him, but it will more likely be a staff member.**

### **First, introduce yourself:**

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm one of your constituents from the town/city of \_\_\_\_\_.*

[If you have an organizational or business affiliation, feel free to mention it here, e.g., I'm a medical professional, business owner, farmer, self-employed, union member, etc.]

### **Next, tell him why you're calling:**

*I'm calling to urge you to co-sponsor the New York Health Act (Senate Bill S4840) because it would:*

- *provide the most affordable way to offer comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers—\$45 billion less than we spend now*
- *make New York State more business-friendly by simplifying and reducing costs for employers by taking them out of the business of buying health coverage*
- *reduce administrative waste and offer more accountability*
- *allow New Yorkers the freedom to choose their own doctors*

*Plus, if the ACA is repealed and replaced, NYS will lose some of its federal funding for health care. These losses can be offset by the savings that NY Health delivers—through decreased administrative costs and higher bargaining power for pharmaceuticals and medical devices.*

### **Now, find out where he stands:**

*Will you co-sponsor this bill, Senator \_\_\_\_\_?*

### **And respond to his answer:**

If he says yes, thank him heartily!

If he says no, he will not co-sponsor, ask him:

*Did you know that New York Health Act is widely supported by a diverse group of your constituents that includes educators, health care workers, utility workers, teamsters, machinists, auto workers, and transit workers, as well as many of your colleagues in the NYS Legislature?*

*If you won't co-sponsor at this time, will you commit to vote for this bill when it comes up for a vote in the future?*

If he says yes, thank him!

If he says no, ask him:

*Is there more information that I can get you so that you can support this bill?*

Please write down the information needed and tell your Senator, "I'll get back to you on this." Contact Charlotte of Ulster People at [charlotteadamis@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteadamis@gmail.com) and she will help with follow-up.

Let us know how it goes! [connect@ulsterpeople.org](mailto:connect@ulsterpeople.org)

**Useful links:**

- New York Health Campaign: [nyhcampaign.org](http://nyhcampaign.org)
- Economic Analysis of the act: *The [The Friedman Report](#)*