



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

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Letter to the Faithful of the Diocese of Charleston on the Pending Health Care Vote

To the Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Charleston:

Standing with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I ask the Faithful in the Diocese of Charleston to urge members of the House of Representatives to vote against the proposed Senate healthcare bill, because it *will* allow for federal funding of abortion and will *not* provide conscience protection for health care professionals and health care institutions.

Unfortunately, some organizations and individuals have decided it is better to pass something to help a few. We can never allow evil to be done for our own personal gain or for the benefit of some. Abortion should not be a part of healthcare reform, nor financed with tax dollars. Including its funding does nothing to reduce costs or increase access to medical care.

I encourage you to contact your Representative and urge him/her to vote “no” on health care reform. Catholics need to weigh in on this important vote. Call your Representative at 202-224-3121 or send them an e-mail through [www.House.gov](http://www.House.gov).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. Guglielmo", with a small cross symbol to the left.

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