



March 8, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-107, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

We are writing to thank you for your commitment and leadership to help ensure that H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, is enacted into law as quickly as possible. This bill is essential to ensuring that health care is affordable for all Americans, including those who serve millions of elderly, disabled and others each day – the nation's direct care workforce.

Today, nearly 30% of all direct care workers lack coverage, twice the rate for all Americans. This is a major factor in high turnover among these workers, which puts millions of care-dependent Americans at risk. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act would ensure coverage for hundreds of thousands of uninsured direct care workers and will relieve some of the financial pressures placed on workers and their families.

Thank you for your commitment to reform our health care system. The Direct Care Alliance will continue working with Congress to pass this historic legislation and make health care more affordable. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 212-730-0741 or lvega@directcarealliance.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonila Vega".

Leonila Vega
Executive Director
Direct Care Alliance