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March 29, 2006

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Dear Honorables;

Enclosed is Resolution No. 06-189, adopted by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners on March 16, 2006 supporting the United States National Insurance Act - HB676 - "Expanded and Improved Medicare For All".

Lorain County Board of Commissioners wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your commitment in supporting the United States National Insurance Act.

Sincerely,

Theresa L. Upton
Clerk

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Enclosure

Cc: Bruce Bostwick, LC Healthcare Coalition
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In the matter of supporting the United States National)
 Insurance Act - HB676 -- "Expanded and Improved) March 16, 2006
 Medicare For All")

WHEREAS, the United States National Health Insurance Act (or the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act) establishes the United States National Health Insurance Program to provide all individuals residing in the United States and in U.S. Territories with free health care that includes all medically necessary care, such as a primary care and prevention, prescription drugs, emergency care and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, this bill will prohibit an institution from participating in the Program unless it is public or nonprofit institution; and

WHEREAS, this bill allows nonprofit health maintenance organizations that actually deliver care in their own facilities to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, this bill gives patients the freedom to choose from participating physicians and institutions; and

WHEREAS, this bill prevents a private health insurer from selling health insurance coverage that duplicates the benefits provided under this act. Allows such insurers to sell benefits that are not medically necessary, such as a cosmetic surgery benefits; and

WHEREAS, this bill sets forth methods to pay hospitals and health professional for services. Prohibits financial incentives between HMOs and physicians based on utilization; and

WHEREAS, this bill authorizes appropriations and provides for appropriated sums to be paid for :

- 1) by costly reducing paperwork
- 2) by requiring a rational bulk procurement of medication
- 3) from existing source of government revenues for health care
- 4) increasing personal income taxes on the top five percent income earners
- 5) instituting a modest payroll tax
- 6) instituting a small tax on stock and bond transactions

and;

WHEREAS, this bill requires the program to give first priority in retaining and job placement to individuals whose jobs are eliminated due to reduced administration; and

WHEREAS, this bill establishes a National Board of Universal Quality and Access to access to advise the Secretary and the Director to insure quality, access and affordability; and

WHEREAS, provides for the eventual integration of the health programs of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Indian Health Service into the Program.

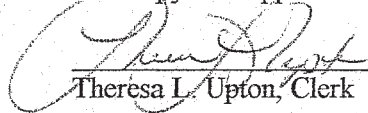
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners that we hereby support the United States National Insurance Act - HB676 - "Expanded and Improved Medicare For All", to ensure that all Americans, guaranteed by law, will have access to the highest quality, cost effective, health care regardless of an individuals' employment, income, or health care status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we hereby Instruct the Clerk to sent this resolution to the United States Senators and Representatives representing Lorain County and the Coalition to Project Healthcare.

Motion by Blair, seconded by Kokoski to adopt Resolution. Ayes; All.

Motion carried. _____(discussion was held on the above)

I, Theresa L. Upton, Clerk to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 06-189 is a true copy as it appears in Journal No. 06 on date of March 16, 2006.



Theresa L. Upton, Clerk

A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 676, THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

WHEREAS, every resident of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio, and United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, of the 42 million Americans currently uninsured, 1.3 million are Ohioans and over 40 million Americans nationwide are currently underinsured and do not benefit from the current inefficient, costly and fragmented health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, those Americans insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Hospital Association estimates that 18,000 Americans die each year due to inadequate health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the United States National Insurance Act establishes a national health insurance program by creating a single-payer, publicly financed, privately delivered health care program that expands upon the existing Medicare Program making it available to all residents of the United States and U. S. territories eliminating co-pays and deductibles for enrollees.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

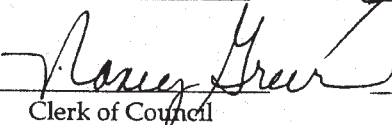
SECTION 1. That Lorain City Council urges the Ohio Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to enact the United States National Health Insurance Act, H.R. 676, to ensure that all Americans, guaranteed by law, will have access to the highest quality, cost-effective, health-care regardless of an individual's employment, income or health care status.

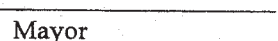
SECTION 2. Lorain City Council directs a copy of this resolution be sent to our Federal Representatives to endorse and adopt H.R. 676, The United States National Insurance Act.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 O.R.C.


SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law.

Passed March 20, 2006 
President of Council

Attest: 
Clerk of Council


Mayor

Approved _____, 2006 In accordance with O.R.C. 731.27, I hereby certify Reso No. 13-06 remains "unsigned" by the Mayor on this the tenth day after passage.

Date: 3-29-06 Clerk: 

RESOLUTION NO. R06-08 CMS

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING HR 676, THE PROPOSED UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2004, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, approximately 43 million Americans live daily without health care coverage and the Congress of the United States is presently debating the issue while considering the adoption of HR 676, which would provide health care to those who are unable to obtain adequate health benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the City of Oberlin, Ohio, does hereby respectfully request our federal elected officials to endorse and adopt HR 676, the Universal Health Care Act of 2004, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to our Federal Legislators and to our area State Legislators to enlist their support of this vital piece of legislation.

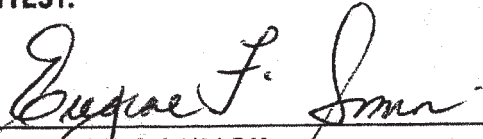
SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operations of a municipal department, to wit:

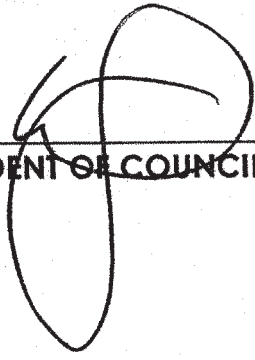
"to express the opinion of Oberlin City Council to our elected representatives relating to the important issue of National Health Care in a timely manner", and shall take effect at the earliest Date allowed by law.

**PASSED: 1st Reading – March 20, 2006 (E)
 2nd Reading –
 3rd Reading –**

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: March 21, 2006

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 2006

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