

## What To Do To Congressmembers If They Go On Vacation – and Maybe Prevent Them

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What To Do To Congressmembers If They Go On Vacation – and If We Start Now, We Might Stop them From Taking Vacation Before Passing A Public Option Health Care Bill.

Here is how we get our congressmembers to pay attention to us about single payer/public option health care, to try to prevent them from going on vacation or if they go on vacation. (And if they go on vacation before passing public option health care, it tells me the president is either a wuss or has a great, still unseen trick up his sleeve.) We email, phone, and visit saying "Unless and until you give me public option health care legislation, I will withhold all my contributions from you, I will urge all my friends to withhold contributions, and I will blog this and advertize it and email it all over the blogosphere and all over my neighborhood and all over my church groups and among my work colleagues.

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