Dear Fishing Families,

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL FISHING FAMILIES TO CONTACT THEIR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.

Health care reform will ensure that individuals and small businesses, including fishermen, will have real health insurance options. Insurance companies will need to offer good coverage. They will not be allowed to deny anyone coverage because they have a pre-existing condition and they will not be allowed to stop anyone's coverage just because they become sick. Furthermore, the insurance will be subsidized to make it affordable (the amount of subsidy will depend on the applicant's income and will depend on which bill passes).

WITHOUT A DOUBT, HEALTH CARE REFORM IS GOOD FOR FISHING FAMILIES.

In addition, I am hopeful that national health care reform will include funding for fishing organizations to provide health care outreach and education to their members. Most people in this country get their health insurance through work, and can depend on their employer's human resources department to guide them through the challenging health care system. Hard to reach workers, including fishermen, deserve this same level of support, and I am hopeful that funding for this outreach will be in the final health care reform bill. **Therefore, funding for community based health care outreach and education through fishing organizations is another important reason to support national health care reform.**

PLEASE CALL YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TODAY AND TELL THEM YOU SUPPORT NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM.

Sincerely,

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