

**R015-0910**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HEALTHCARE REFORM IN THE UNITED STATES**

20     **WHEREAS:**     In the United States, currently as many as 46 million people are currently without health  
30                     insurance; and,

40     **WHEREAS:**     While it is true that hospitals cannot turn away any patient that needs treatment, regardless of  
50                     their insurance status, larger taxpayer funded hospital bills can be averted with a program that  
60                     would allow people to receive treatment from a general practitioner; and,

70     **WHEREAS:**     Seeing a general practitioner on a regular basis will allow disorders and other maladies to be  
80                     largely preempted, thus drastically reducing the cost to taxpayers in other areas; and,

90     **WHEREAS:**     Larger revamps of health care which include “public options” or would put all citizens under a  
100                    government run insurance system are not feasible at this time, as they would ultimately cost in  
110                    excess of one trillion dollars, which the United States cannot afford, given the current recession  
120                    and the multi-billion dollar stimulus package passed early this year.

130    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress to  
140                    pass and President Obama to sign legislation which would give American Citizens who cannot  
150                    afford insurance the option of buying public insurance.

160    **MANDATES:**  
170                    President Barack Obama  
180                    Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House  
190                    Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
200                    Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader  
210                    Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
220                    John Boehner, House Minority Leader

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