

## Rise Above the Chatter: Speak Out NOW About Health Reform

The Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments regarding the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) next week. Click [here](#) for details of the case and [here](#) for details regarding Medicaid Expansion from our friends at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

These proceedings are already focusing public attention on health reform in a way not seen since the ACA's passage. **This creates a teachable moment** in which *Mobilizer* readers can act in the interests of the 65% of Health Care for the Homeless consumers who do not have health insurance, and for millions more who are uninsured and at risk of losing everything to health care costs.

**The National HCH Council has prepared two template letters for your use in increasing public awareness, a key advocacy activity.**

One letter applauds the ACA's expansion of Medicaid, which will cover nearly all homeless people beginning in 2014. In an [amicus brief](#) to the Supreme Court, the National HCH Council has argued that this expansion is constitutional and consistent with our country's obligations under international norms of human rights. The letter template gives you a chance to put a face on the abstract issues of human rights.

The second letter acknowledges the importance of the Medicaid expansion, but calls for a more far-reaching reform: universal insurance coverage in a single-payer system. *Mobilizer* readers will recognize in the letter the historic, principled position of the National HCH Council.

There is much more to say about these different takes on the issues before the Court, but these short letter templates are meant to state central points briefly and clearly. **Please make them your own, and use them!**

## TAKE ACTION

**The Supreme Court hearings are next week, so act now!**

- Click to download one or both of the template letters:
  - [Medicaid Expansion Support Letter](#)
  - [Single Payer Support Letter](#)
- Edit the letters, adding stories, local facts, or perspectives.
- Use the letters as:
  - Letters to the Editor of local newspapers (submit these over the internet).
  - The foundation of press releases ("Agency X calls on Supreme Court to Uphold Health Reform Law").
  - Content for personal and agency blogs, websites, and social media.

Please contact [Dan Rabbitt](#) with any questions or with links to your published letters or internet postings.

***Make plans to join us at the 2012 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference, May 16-18, in Kansas City. View full conference details, including information about the 70+ accredited workshops, nationally recognized plenary speakers, professional networking opportunities and registration details,***

at <http://www.nhchc.org/national-conference-2012/>.

**Be sure to also register for the grassroots advocacy Pre-Conference Institute on May 15th.**

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