

UNION For REFORM JUDAISM

"We live in a country with a pitifully inadequate health insurance system that causes horrors every day so tragic that they could rip the heart out of a stone.... The time has long since passed when our leaders should have done what every other advanced country has somehow managed to do: provide all its citizens with essential health care....But we need not look only to Washington for answers. ...I propose, therefore, that this Movement begin immediately to support state initiatives to expand health insurance. In almost every state of the Union, we have identified one Reform synagogue that has agreed to coordinate these efforts. We will bring Reform Jews, and our allies, to state capitals and we will make our voice heard and our presence felt. "

Rabbi Eric Yoffie
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Health Care for All is a Movement-wide effort to advocate for health care reform in every state. The goals of the project are

- Educate the Movement about the importance of advocacy in general, and state-level advocacy in particular;
- Unite the Movement around one issue;
- Unite congregations in a common social justice effort;
- Teach skills that Movement leaders will continue to use in their congregations and in future advocacy efforts;
- Build bridges amongst congregations, some of which often feel isolated;
- Focus the national Jewish community's attention on a both a critical public policy issue and the importance of state advocacy; and
- Highlight our Movement's strength and our distinctive approach to advocacy.