

Action List – Sumter County Residents

September 2009

Action #1 - Call OUR Senator(s)

Senator Bill Nelson
Washington Office Phone 202.224.5274
Orlando Office Phone: 407-872-7161
Toll Free in Florida: 1-888-671-4091
Tampa Office Phone: 813-225-7040

Senator George Lemieux
Washington Phone (202) 224-3041
Orlando Phone (407) 254-2573
Toll free: (866) 630-7106
(These are old Martinez numbers)

Talking Points:

Hello, my name is _____, and I live in _____, Florida and there are three issues that I wish to express my opinion on:

- 1) Cap and Trade, or American Clean Energy and Security Act. I oppose this act because:
 - a. I believe it will increase the power the Federal Government has over our individual lives, which is too much already.
 - b. I believe it will result in higher energy costs for my family and for future generations.
 - c. I believe Cap and Trade will destroy jobs and does nothing to make our nation more energy independent.

- 2) Card Check, or the Employee Free Choice Act. I oppose this legislation because:
 - a. I believe it will lead to coercion of employees by union organizers.
 - b. I believe it takes away the employee's liberty of a "secret ballot", by which the employee may express his/her opinion without threat of repercussion.
 - c. I believe the mandatory arbitration component will increase government's involvement in private business's affairs.

- 3) Health Care Reform, United States National Health Care Act HR 676 or America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009 HR 3200. I agree that the deployment of health care in this country needs reform, but I oppose these acts and similar proposals currently being debated because:
 - a. I believe they would lead to higher taxes and increased deficits, both of which I adamantly oppose.
 - b. I believe that these bills will lead to rationing of care and increased involvement by government in decisions best left to citizens and their doctors.
 - c. I believe that an issue as complex as health care reform can not be accomplished in the short period of time that legislators are trying to push it through. The public needs to be given ample opportunity to understand this issue and form an educated opinion.

To summarize, I believe these health care bills and similar proposals would result in worse care at a higher cost and are fundamentally contrary to our Nation's tradition of limited government, individual responsibility and free enterprise.

Has the Senator decided how he is going to vote?

In closing, I believe in personal responsibility and less government. I will continue to support those candidates who share that philosophy.

I respectfully ask that you (or the Senator) stand in opposition to these bills.

Thank you.

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Action #2 - Call OUR Congresswoman

Ginny Brown-Waite

Washington Phone: 202-225-1002

Brooksville Office Phone: 352-799-8354

Toll-Free from anywhere in the 5th District: 1-866-GWAITE5.

Talking Points:

Hello, my name is _____, and I live in _____, Florida and there are three issues that I wish to express my opinion on:

- 1) Cap and Trade, or American Clean Energy and Security Act. I wanted to thank you for taking a stand against House Bill 2454 with your vote of NO on June 26th, because:
 - a. I believe it will increase the power the Federal Government has over our individual lives, which is too much already.
 - b. I believe it will increase the energy costs for my family and for future generations.
 - c. I believe these economic times should not call for more taxation for people already burdened.
 - d. I believe it has the ability to destroy jobs and business opportunities.

- 2) Card Check, or the Employee Free Choice Act. I oppose this legislation because:
 - a. I believe it will lead to coercion of employees by union organizers.
 - b. I believe it takes away the employee's liberty of a "secret ballot", by which the employee may express his/her opinion without the threat repercussion.
 - c. I believe the mandatory arbitration component will increase government's involvement in private business's affairs.

- 3) Health Care Reform, United States National Health Care Act HR 676 or America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009 HR 3200. I agree that the deployment of health care in this country needs some form of reform, but I oppose these acts which are currently being debated because:
 - a. I believe either of these bills will require an increase in taxes to pay for them, and I am adamantly opposed to increasing taxes.
 - b. I believe that these bills remove the patient from the center of the issue and that it is the patient who should have the freedom and right to determine the best solution for their situation.
 - c. I believe that a problem as large as health care reform can not be accomplished in the short period of time that legislators are trying to push it through. The public needs to be given ample opportunity to understand it's totality in order to form an educated opinion on the topic.

In closing, I believe in personal responsibility and less government involvement in private business and individual's lives. I will continue to support those candidates who agree with my philosophy and show that they agree by their voting habits. Please represent my voice and stand in opposition to these bills.

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Action #3 - Call members of Congress outside of our District

Notes on calling a member of Congress from outside your district:

If a staff person attempts to reject your call because you are not a resident in their District, politely tell them that you understand that key leaders from both parties are making contact with constituents outside of their districts and you are only wishing to exercise that same privilege.

Please use same talking points for Senators and Representatives.

US Representative	District	Party	FI Office	FL Phone	Wash Phone	Website	HR2454
Bilirakis, Gus M.	9th	Rep	Palm Harbor	866.773.2871	202.225.5755	http://bilirakis.house.gov/	No
Boyd, Allen	2nd	Dem	Tallahassee	850.561.3979	202.225.5235	http://boyd.house.gov/	Yes
Brown, Corrine	3rd	Dem	Jacksonville	904.354.1652	202.225.0123	http://www.house.gov/corrinebrown/	Yes
Brown-Waite, Virginia	5th	Rep	Brooksville	352.799.8354	202.225.1002	http://brown-waite.house.gov/	No
Buchanan, Vern	13th	Rep	Bradenton	941.747.9081	202.225.5015	http://buchanan.house.gov/	No
Crenshaw, Ander	4th	Rep	Lake City	386.365.3316	202.225.2501	http://crenshaw.house.gov/	No
Castor, Kathy	11th	Dem	Tampa	813.871.2817	202.225.3376	http://castor.house.gov/	Yes
Diaz-Balart, Lincoln	21st	Rep	Miami	305.470.8555	202.225.4211	http://diaz-balart.house.gov/	No
Diaz-Balart, Mario	25th	Rep	Miami	305.225.6866	202.225.2778	http://mariodiazbalart.house.gov/index.html	No
Hastings, Alcee L.	23rd	Dem	Ft Lauderdale	954.733.2800	202.225.1313	http://alceehastings.house.gov/	DNV
Grayson, Alan	8th	Dem	Marion Co.	866.939.3737	202.225.2176	http://grayson.house.gov/	Yes
Klein, Ron	22nd	Dem	Ft. Lauderdale	866.713.7303	202.225.3026	http://klein.house.gov/index.html	Yes
Kosmas, Suzanne M.	24th	Dem	Orlando	407.208.1106	202.225.2706	http://www.kosmas.house.gov/	Yes
Mack, Connie	14th	Rep	Cape Coral	239.573.5837	202.225.2536	http://mack.house.gov/	No
Meek, Kendrick	17th	Dem	Miami Gardens	305.690.5905	202.225.4506	http://kendrickmeek.house.gov/	Yes
Mica, John	7th	Rep	Maitland	407.657.8080	202.225.4035	http://www.house.gov/mica/	No
Miller, Jeff	1st	Rep	Pensacola	850.479.1183	202.225.4136	http://jeffmiller.house.gov/	No
Posey, Bill	15th	Rep	Melbourne	321.632.1776	202.225.3671	http://posey.house.gov/	No
Putnam, Adam	12th	Rep	Bartow	866.534.3530	202.225.1252	http://www.house.gov/putnam/	No
Rooney, Tom	16th	Rep	Stuart	772.288.4668	202.225.5792	http://rooney.house.gov/index.html	No
Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana	18th	Rep	Miami	305.668.2285	202.225.3931	http://ros-lehtinen.house.gov/	No
Stearns, Cliff	6th	Rep	Ocala	352.351.8777	202.225.5744	http://www.house.gov/stearns/	No
Wasserman Schultz, Debbie	20th	Dem	Pembroke Pines	954.437.3936	202.225.7931	http://wassermanschultz.house.gov/	Yes
Wexler, Robert	19th	Dem	Boca Raton	561.688.6302	202.225.3001	http://wexler.house.gov/	Yes
Young, C.W. Bill	10th	Rep	St. Petersburg	727.893.3191	202.225.5961	http://www.house.gov/young/	No