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Statement by Executive Director Tim Paulson on the U.S. House Healthcare Reform Bill

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14 – Working families in San Francisco and the U.S. saw real forward movement today on the effort to reform our broken healthcare system and provide Americans with access to affordable and quality healthcare. The House of Representatives bill, “America’s Affordable Health Choices Act,” a product of the House Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor Committees, offers the real promise of increasing access, improving quality and reducing healthcare costs.

“America’s Affordable Health Choices Act” includes a high quality public health insurance option that will create real choice for Americans and real competition for private insurers. It calls on corporations to pay their fair share and on those who can afford it to contribute through a modest tax surcharge. In San Francisco we demonstrated that legislation providing public health access and corporate participation creates a real path to universal healthcare coverage.

Like San Franciscans, Americans want their elected leaders to guarantee quality, affordable healthcare that is accessible to everyone. They want a meaningful public option that provides an alternative to expensive private plans that profit off of denying care. The San Francisco Labor Council urges Representatives to move forward expeditiously with healthcare reform and to resist any attempt to dilute this bill during the legislative process. Americans deserve this much-needed healthcare reform.

Tim Paulson is the executive director of the San Francisco Labor Council, an organization representing over 150 local unions with a membership of over 100,000 working men and women in San Francisco.

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