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Thursday, Nov. 6, 2009- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has agreed to allow twenty minutes of debate tomorrow, November 6, on an amendment to the national Health Care bill on a single-payer healthcare system. This amendment, put forth by Anthony Weiner, a Democrat from New York's 9th District, will replace the current bill, HR 3200, with HR 676, the single- payer bill.

Until this point, while there has been increasing support from the electorate, debate and an opportunity to vote on a single-payer system has repeatedly been removed from the table. A more tactically viable amendment presented by Ohio Democrat Dennis Kucinich, which would have allowed individual states to enact single-payer legislation, has been stripped from the current health reform legislation. Therefore, this will be our last opportunity fight for this in the House, as a vote is expected by this weekend.

According to Rep. Weiner, he has been promised an opportunity to debate, but even he has adopted a wait-and-see attitude as to whether this may actually occur. Please support Rep. Weiner is having the opportunity to place this needed initiative before his colleagues in the US House of Representatives.

The League of Women Voters of the United States' position on health care promotes a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs. Since 1993 this position has included support for a single-payer system.

Please contact your local representative tonight, call and email, to let them know you want this debate to happen.

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