

Health Care Now! Take Action Today! Stop the Delays!

UFCW locals across the nation are partnering with Health Care for America Now (HCAN) in today's July 28 Day of Action to send one message to the House by phone, email, or text: "We want quality, affordable health care for everyone and we can't wait!"

HCAN's goal is to have 50,000 citizens contact their representatives today. You still have time TODAY to get the word out: Call your members of Congress by calling HCAN's patch-through directory for Representatives at **877-264-HCAN** or call your representative's district office directly.

UFCW Locals 27, 400, and 1997 launched a radio ad asking listeners to make the call today supporting President Obama's health care reform, while many local union representatives are planning to go to worksites armed with cell phones and ask members to call their Congressional members. Listen to the radio spot at http://www.ufcw.tv/Audio/RadioSpot_400.mp3.

HCAN and the UFCW have events surrounding health care reform planned through August. If you are not involved already, email healthcare@ufcw.org for the latest information to mobilize UFCW members in calling for quality, affordable health care reform that can't wait. **OP**

UFCW Local 1445 Members in Boston, Massachusetts, Rally for Health Care Reform

Members of UFCW Local 1445 joined hundreds of union members and community activists in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 23 to show their support for health care reform that includes a public option.

The rally began outside of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans with calls of "Health Care Now," and continued into the streets of Boston. Marchers handed out informational flyers to community members, encouraging them to get involved. **OP**



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UFCW International Announces 2009 Scholarship Award Winners

The UFCW has selected 14 winners of the 2009 UFCW Scholarship Program, with each eligible UFCW member or family member receiving an \$8,000 award towards college. The winners are:

Region 1	Gregory Monfette	Local 328
Region 1	Sean Montgomery	Local 1360
Region 2	Lillian Rosen	Local 400
Region 2	Wing Hung	Local 1776
Region 4	Abigail Hoffman	Local 1059
Region 4	Janelle Fether	Local 75
Region 5	Emily Scott	Local 1529
Region 5	Michelle Boyer	Local 655
Region 6	Blake Westling	Local 653
Region 6	Robert Guard	Local 7R
Region 8	Laura Schisler	Local 135
Region 8	Desiree Holloway	Local 1167
Canada	Michelle Cielen	Local 832
Canada	Tessa Woodland	Local 175

UFCW locals can link to www.ufcw.org/scholarship for the award winners with their photos. **OP**

UFCW Local 7 Members, Grocery Stores Resume Contract Negotiations



Colorado UFCW Local 7 Safeway worker Louis Sliter

UFCW Local 7 grocery workers in Denver, Colorado, are back at the table with Safeway and Kroger. Members are continuing to work under their old contract, which has been extended to August 15 since initially expiring in early May. Negotiations remain centered on the company's proposal to dramatically cut workers' pension benefits despite significant profits. **OP**

U.S. Launch of Tesco Fresh & Easy Report Wins Political Backing

Los Angeles Councilmember Richard Alarcón joined UNI Global Union, the UFCW International and UFCW Local 770 in a press conference last week at L.A. City Hall launching a report of Tesco's labor practices in the United States. UFCW International President Joe Hansen is the president of UNI, which represents 900 trade unions worldwide and commissioned the report about the British retailer that operates under the Fresh & Easy banner in the U.S.

The U.S. launch of the report comes on the heels of the report's release in the United Kingdom earlier this month prior to Tesco's shareholders meeting. The report condemns the company's double standard of working with its union workforce in Great Britain while shunning workers' rights in the U.S. and abroad.

Speaking at last week's press event, Councilmember Alarcón said, "While Tesco is vocal about corporate responsibility in the U.K., this report shows their behavior to be far different in the United States. Corporate responsibility means being a responsible corporate citizen everywhere—not just when and where it is convenient. By refusing to treat all of its workers fairly, Tesco is letting its shareholders down, letting its workers down and failing to rise to its own standards."

L.A. Deputy Mayor Larry Frank joined in and explained, how calls to Tesco's CEO have been rejected. "Speaking for the Mayor's office, we have also reached out to Terry Leahy to this meeting and have been rebuffed up until now."

The report, authored by University of California-Berkeley Professor John Logan, documents Tesco's labor practices, including:

- Adopting a systematic anti-worker approach that includes holding captive-audience meetings and distributing anti-union literature;
- Employing mostly part-time workers, thus preventing workers from earning a living wage;
- Refusing to meet with union representatives to discuss workers' right to organize; and
- Rejecting a legitimate recognition request from a majority of workers in one California store.

The report is one of three published by UNI and can be found at www.tescounionalliance.org. **OP**



L.A. Councilmember Richard Alarcón stands with Fresh & Easy Workers at a press conference last week criticizing the company's labor practices in the U.S.