



# Missourians for Single Payer Health Care

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## 13<sup>th</sup> MoSP ANNUAL MEETING

MoSP will have our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, Hanke Room downstairs. All are welcome, but only members in good standing are allowed to vote (dues current). Refreshments will be provided.

Election of Officers and Individual Board Members will be held.

Nominations will be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Board members serve a 2-year term. Board members shall attend quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, members in good standing, and will be expected to serve on committees.

### Nominees are:

President:	Julia Lamborn Gettinger
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Board Member:	Stepanie Brot
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**Mark Your Calendars**  
**Health Care Sunday: April 19, 2009**

### MoSP newsletter staff

*Editor-in-Chief, Julia*

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*Jane & Bob Schutzius*

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## Real vs. Phony Health Care Reform

We are all being bombarded with organizations asking us to sign petitions supporting this or that universal health care scheme. How does one decide if the plan is real or simply a plan designed to perpetuate the status quo? We all know what the status quo has done for us. Skyrocketing costs of insurance and out of pocket health care expenses have left more Americans bankrupt than from any other cause. Our poor suffer more and die younger.

Beware of the latest so-called “reform campaign” designed by America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). AHIP is the driving force and the funding source for Health Care for America Now. This coalition does not end the practice of insurance companies maximizing profits through denials and delays of care.

\*Ask four questions before you support a universal health plan:

1. Does the plan cut massive bureaucratic waste by removing the insurance industry from health care?
2. Does the plan deliver better health care to you or more profits to the insurance industry?
3. Does the plan eliminate different levels of care for different classes of people?
4. Does the plan prevent the shift of healthcare costs from businesses to working families?

Let’s work together to build a health care system we can be proud to call American: Everybody In; Nobody Out!

*\*From California Universal Health Care Organizing Project,  
www.singlepayernow.net*

## Join Team Medicare!

Join our team to work for H.R. 676, Expanded and Improved Medicare for All. The most efficient, fair,

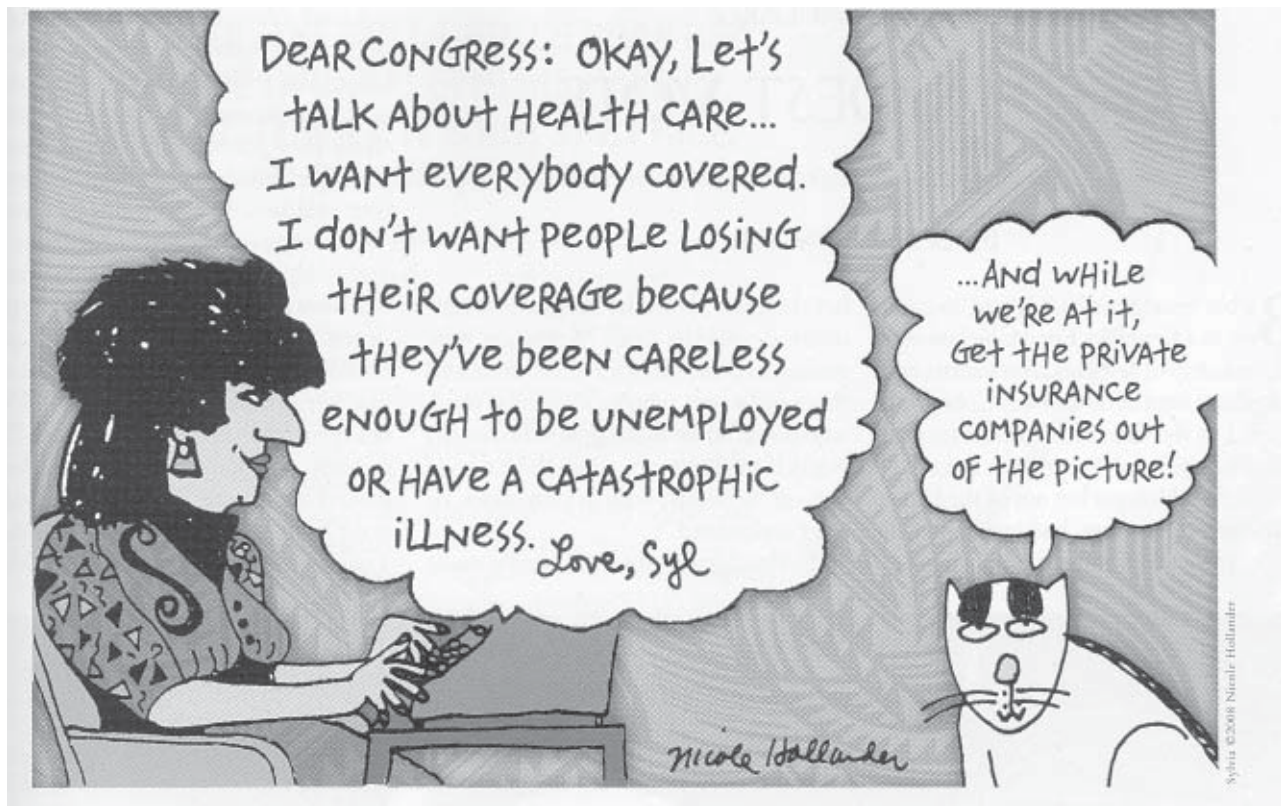
and sustainable system of funding health care already exists right here the USA. By “expanding” Medicare to include all of us, the single risk pool of 300 million Americans enables us to decrease the costs of illness for all of us. By “improving” Medicare to include all necessary health care within our private delivery system, we will become a healthier nation.

Nationwide, single payer advocates held rallies and events on July 30, the 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday of Medicare. In Missouri, MOSP members met with Congressman Lacy Clay, one of Missouri’s Congressional cosponsors of H.R. 676, via a videoconference. From Washington, DC, Congressman Clay cheered our work for Medicare for All, while his staffers, Edwilla Massey and Steve Englehardt shared birthday cake with us in his North county office. Esther and Jim Clark, Helen Schlarman, Pat McHugh, Stephanie Brot, Bob Reinhold, James Hoggard, Roger Signor and I joined with MOSP President Julia Lamborn to mark the historic day.

H.R. 676 remains the most affordable universal health care program. H.R. 676 is endorsed by 470 union organizations in 49 states including 116 Central Labor Councils and Area Labor Federations and 39 state AFL-CIO’s. International/national unions endorsing it are USW, UAW, NEA, ILWU, NALC, IAM, UA (plumbers and pipe fitters), AFM (musicians), UE, CAN/NNOC, SMWIA, IFPTE, OPEIU, UTU, SEIU, AFT, AFSCME, CSEA, (California School Employees Association), UWUA, and CWA.

U.S. Medicare is “made in America”. With ninety-three Congressional Cosponsors, H.R. 676 is likely the most popular and politically strong universal health programs ever introduced. Join with MOSP and the aforementioned organizations to work for its passage.

*by Mimi Signor, R.N.*



*Physicians to the candidates: Enact single-payer health reform  
(cartoon from a Physicians for a National Health Program ad, The New Yorker, Oct. 13, 2008)*

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## **MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Julia E. Lamborn-Gettinger**

Who is responsible? I have been thinking about this for some time. I'm still not sure. Hopefully, you can help me decide. Missourians for Single Payer is receiving more requests for educational programs than ever. When members of our speakers bureau give programs, we ask that the group sponsoring the program, endorse HR 676, our state bills and suggest other ways they can work for health care for all. What reasonable amount of support and response can MoSP expect? Do the organizations have a responsibility to move health care forward in some way? Or are we just providing a free program?

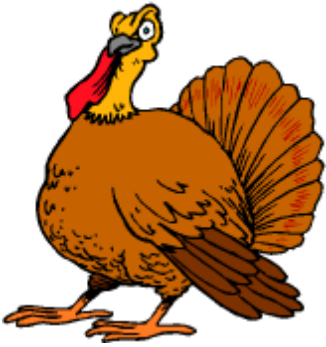
What about union support? Many unions have endorsed HR676. There has been a groundswell of union support across the nation. Many locals in Missouri have endorsed. The St. Louis Labor Council has endorsed. The big question for me is – Should union groups that have endorsed HR 676, then endorse candidates who refuse to endorse HR 676? This is happening.

It could sound like I'm suggesting a one issue endorsement policy. Not at all. Candidates should endorse HR 676 and our state bills along with other issues. Some do. My questions is: should MoSP expect endorsers to coordinate and uphold endorsements on all levels? I'll be looking forward to your opinions. Please contact me at [Julia0409@aol.com](mailto:Julia0409@aol.com).

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(specific programming and expenses)

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization, \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm unable to pay dues at this time, but I will support and promote MoSP among relatives, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, however I can. Please continue to send me the newsletter. Please call on me for volunteer help.