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work as “equals” in “unison” with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big
Business has “a VOICE and a VOTE,” according to newly exposed documents.

Resolution on Federal Health Insurance Reform Legislation

Summary
This Resolution helps prevent Congress from passing federal legislation that would impose
restrictions such as guaranteed issue and community rating, or give the Secretary of
Health and Human Services unnecessary authority over state health reform programs,
clearly violating the states’ own rights to regulate their own health programs.

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the states have been at the forefront of the health reform debate by
aggressively leading the charge to make health care coverage portable and renewable to
citizens, and

WHEREAS, the states have discovered that reforms such as guaranteed issue and
community rating do not result in universal coverage but instead drive up the cost of
health insurance and drive healthy people out of the insurance market, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Congress is considering legislation which would impose restrictions
such as guaranteed issue on states and give the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human
Services authority over state health reform programs, power which would clearly interfere
with the states' historical ability to regulate their own health insurance programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the legislature of the state of [State]
urges Congress not to institute federal review, oversight, or preemption of state health
insurance laws nor to impose guaranteed issue in the individual and group health
insurance plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be distributed to all
Governors and members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives.

1996 Sourcebook of American State Legislation

This resolution reads like it must have been written by large insurance companies, who hate guaranteed
issue and community rating.

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