



A public option means affordable health care for North Dakota.  
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# Senator Conrad opposes a public health insurance option. We need him on our side.



Over the next decade, average health insurance premiums for North Dakota families are expected to skyrocket by more than \$8,000.<sup>1</sup> Our state can't afford the status quo—but Senator Conrad voted *twice* against giving North Dakotans the choice of a public health insurance option.<sup>2</sup>

## A public option means affordable health coverage for North Dakotans.

The choice of a public health insurance option would make health coverage affordable and accessible to more North Dakotans. By providing competition with private insurance plans and extending tax credits to as many as 18,500 small businesses in our state,<sup>3</sup> experts predict that health insurance reform with a strong public option would help cover about 58,000 North Dakotans who currently lack coverage.<sup>4</sup> So, why is Senator Conrad standing in the way?

## Senator Conrad accepted over \$1 million from insurance and HMO interests.

Over the course of his career in Washington, Senator Conrad has accepted more than \$1 million in campaign cash from insurance and health special interests that oppose real reform with a public option.<sup>5</sup> Maybe that's why he opposes giving North Dakotans a choice of a public option?

**CALL SENATOR KENT CONRAD AT (800) 223-4457.  
TELL HIM WE NEED AFFORDABLE COVERAGE NOW.**



Check the Facts: 1. Center for American Progress, 7/31/09. 2. Senate Finance Committee, 9/29/09. 3. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, 7/09. 4. Ibid. 5. Center for Responsive Politics, 10/1/09. MoveOn.org Political Action has 5,000 active members in the state of North Dakota.