

1 **Resolution Urging That Congress Eliminate Age**
2 **Discrimination in the Final Version of Health Care**
3 **Reform Legislation**

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5 **WHEREAS** the basic point of health insurance ought to be to share risk over the widest
6 possible pool of people;

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8 **WHEREAS**, though HR 3200 proposes that pre-existing conditions have been
9 eliminated as reasons to deny insurance, it retains age discrimination, allowing insurers
10 to charge double premiums to older people;

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12 **WHEREAS** mandated private insurance exists in other countries without age
13 discrimination; and

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15 **WHEREAS** people between the ages of 50 and 65 are being particularly hard hit by
16 layoffs and mandatory early retirement and subsequent age discrimination when
17 looking for new employment;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats ask that
20 President Obama and our Democratic Congressional delegation not tolerate any form of
21 discrimination, including age discrimination, in the final version of health care reform
22 legislation.

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25 Submitted by the 11th LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
26 Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date
27 Submitted 9/20/2009)

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29 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
30 its September 25, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

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32 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla
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