

UAW 35th Constitutional Convention (2010) Proposed Resolution on Health Care

WHEREAS: There are almost 50 million U.S. residents without healthcare coverage and, UAW retirees have lost their Vision and Dental coverage and must maintain and restore their lost coverage and are now forced to purchase insurance at exorbitant and rising cost while they are on fixed incomes and,

WHEREAS: We are already paying for a universal health care system; we're just not getting it. Instead, we have a wasteful for-profit healthcare industry where a quarter of almost \$2 trillion a year spent on healthcare, almost \$500 billion, goes to the for-profit healthcare industry and is wasted on corporate profits, multimillion dollar executive salaries, executive bonuses, and stock options as executive compensation. And

WHEREAS: VEBA was introduced as a means to lift the burden of healthcare cost from the shoulders of the domestic auto corporations so that they could reap super profits, and VEBA is not guaranteed to last five years let alone the original 80 years when the program was first agreed upon. And

WHEREAS: The UAW has advocated for free universal national healthcare/single payer for all U.S. residents, and the existing healthcare reform legislation which does not cover every single resident, is not free, will further erode benefits thru taxes, forced payments and fees and doesn't even begin until years from now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the UAW actively fights for Universal (non-profit) National Healthcare/Single Payer be immediately enacted and becomes the right for every resident in the USA.

