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As AFSCME members, we never quit on the people who depend on our public services. We protect our clients from any politician who threatens to cut the vital programs people need to survive, starting with health care.

Our commitment is especially important today as the 2017 legislative session begins with Republicans controlling both the Minnesota House and Senate. Despite a \$1.4 billion budget surplus, Republican leaders are already threatening major cuts. Meanwhile, Governor Dayton is doing everything in his power to defend the work we do and the clients we serve.

One thing Democrats and Republicans agree on is the need to tackle health insurance premiums right away. It's an opportunity for an early bipartisan breakthrough. We urge legislators on both sides of the aisle to pass Governor Dayton's plan, which would provide a 25 percent rebate for people who can't get other help with their surging premiums. That one-time rebate affects about 121,000 working Minnesotans who make too much to qualify for a federal tax credit.

House Speaker Kurt Daudt warns that Republicans are at the mercy of the federal government, as President Trump and fellow Republicans in Washington work to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. We remind them that neither the federal (ACA) nor state (MNsure) insurance exchanges set insurance rates – they are not responsible for high premiums, insurance companies are. Rebates are a short-term fix; the long-term solution is to reform the insurance industry.

Text CARE to 237263 to be connected to your state legislators, or call your senator at **1-855-732-8388** and your representative at **1-855-708-5285**.

ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO:

Work with Governor Dayton to pass insurance rebates and make health care affordable and accessible to all Minnesotans.