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9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Ruggieri Senior Center
33997 Alvarado-Niles Road

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10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Hayward City Hall
Council Chambers
777 B Street

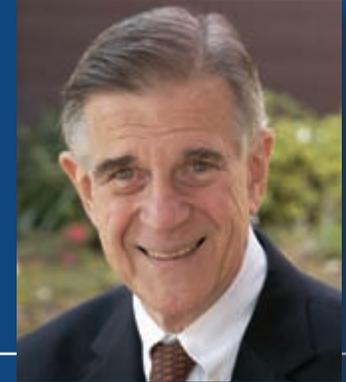
ALAMEDA

Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Alameda City Hall
Council Chambers
2263 Santa Clara Avenue

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PRESORTED STANDARD



**YOU'RE INVITED TO
CONGRESSMAN PETE STARK'S**



Town Meetings

Share Your Concerns and Opinions about Health Reform
Saturday, July 14, 2007



New Hope for Universal Health Care

Dear Friend:

Congressman John Conyers and I recently welcomed Academy-Award winning director Michael Moore to Washington for a Congressional briefing on the for-profit health care system. Moore joined us to discuss the crisis of the tens of millions of uninsured and underinsured Americans and to review the findings presented in his new documentary film, *Sicko*.

His film makes clear what I've been saying for years.

Our health care system is broken. Radical – not incremental – change is necessary.

Forty-seven million people in America lack health coverage entirely. But it's not only those without coverage who are at risk. Individuals and families who have health insurance often find themselves without the coverage they thought they had when they need it most.

As the wealthiest nation in the world, it is morally reprehensible that we have not been able to accomplish what every other industrialized country has already achieved – universal health care.

Past efforts at reform have been sidelined by special interests. The monied interests in health care – chiefly the insurance and pharmaceutical industries – have every reason to sustain the status quo.

The insurance industry doesn't turn a profit by providing the best health care money can buy. Insurance companies make money by providing the fewest possible benefits and by denying patients necessary care.

The pharmaceutical industry doesn't generate returns for Wall Street by providing low cost medications. Drug companies make money by over-charging and over-prescribing America's consumers.

On **Saturday, July 14th**, I hope you'll join me for town meetings, where we'll discuss our broken health care system and I'll speak about AmeriCare, my proposal for universal health care.

Sincerely,



Congressman Stark promotes universal health care with director Michael Moore.

