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### *Healthcare Reform is a Pocketbook Issue on Voters' Minds*

**Nashville, TN (Oct. 5, 2008)** – Thousands of constituents are uniting at Legislative Plaza Monday evening October 6<sup>th</sup> to insist that candidates make healthcare reform a priority and tell us what they are planning to do about reforming the healthcare system, if elected.

*“Cover America Now is made up of dozens of groups and individuals that are tired of hearing candidates call for change and improvement to our health care systems yet end up doing nothing once elected,”* states Evonne Tisdale, Southern Team Leader from the Center for Community Change, an event co-sponsor. *“In this election for change, we are saying loudly: we expect more than words come 2009. We expect the next President and Congress to act for change that matters to American families.”*

- 8 in 10 Americans want national health care reform (The Common Wealth Fund, 8/7/08)
- Healthcare is a Pocketbook Issue and continues to rank high on the list of voter concerns, recent polling shows as high as #2. Even as the Economy now ranks #1, when asked to explain this concern, American voters explain this concerns includes jobs, the housing crisis, and healthcare access and affordability and medical debt.
- 47 million Americans are uninsured.
- Tens of millions paying more for health insurance while benefits & coverage decreases.
- Millions with health insurance are denied care by insurance companies each year.
- 700,000 families each year face bankruptcy due to medical debt.
- 18,000 Americans die each year simply because they don't have access to health care.

**“Cover America Now” Rally for National HealthCare Reform**  
**4-7pm – Mon., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Legislative Plaza, Downtown Nashville**

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