



Top Five Reasons to Support a Public Option Resolution

1. Any resolution passed by a state, county or local Democratic Party committee is a statement of that party's principles. A public option resolution lets members of Congress know that the public option is a core principle of the Democratic Party.
2. Passing a public option resolution reinforces the public option as mainstream. The vast majority of Americans -- up to 77 percent in the latest NBC News poll -- say they want the choice of a public option. Having your state, county or local Democratic Party committee pass a public option resolution further establishes a public option as a mainstream idea with broad-based support.
3. Members of Congress listen to state, county, and local Democratic Party committees. They know that committee members work to elect Democrats up and down the ballot and that they are responsible for getting out the vote on Election Day.
4. We have the votes to pass it in Congress. Democrats have large majorities in both the House and Senate, and we know that a majority in both support the public. But we need all 60 Democrats in the Senate to stay together to break a Republican filibuster so that Democrats can pass a public option with majority votes.
5. Passing resolutions works! Montana Senator Max Baucus didn't state his support for the public option until after 18 Montana Democratic Party central committees passed resolutions supporting the public option. Similarly, 17 Florida Democratic Party county committees passed public option resolutions and conservative Florida Senator Bill Nelson -- who had refused to discuss the public option -- voted to support it in the Finance Committee.

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