

Again the call for bi-partisanship

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In his State of the Union address Jan. 27, President Barack Obama urged Congress to step up its efforts to achieve health reform this year.

"Do not walk away from reform. Not now. Not when we are so close," Obama said. "Let us find a way to come together and finish the job for the American people."

Sr. Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, affirmed that message in a Jan. 28 letter to members of Congress.

"We understand the political realities and concerns with passage of such important and far-reaching legislation," she wrote. "But we firmly believe that now is not the time to let those concerns derail what may be the last opportunity of our lifetime to address the continuing shame of allowing so many individuals and families in our nation to go without access to affordable health care."

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