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Congressmen Etheridge and Price Confirmed for SEANC's Health Care Town Hall Meetings This Week in Lillington and Durham

The State Employees Association of North Carolina will host a series of town hall meetings on health insurance reform across the state, including tonight's event in Lillington where U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge will attend. The event is at 7 p.m. at the Central Carolina Community College Multipurpose Building, Hwy 421 in Lillington. Flint Benson, a Johnston County Republican Party executive committee member, will moderate tonight's event. U.S. Rep. David Price has confirmed his attendance for Thursday, August 13, at 6:45 p.m. at NCCU's BN Duke Auditorium, 1851 Fayetteville Street, Durham.

"Health insurance reform is clearly not a partisan issue and is vital to the well-being of all citizens," said SEANC Executive Director Dana Cope. "State employees are concerned about health care. Many of them can't afford to cover their spouses or children on the State Health Plan, adding to the growing number of uninsured North Carolinians."

During the town hall events, SEANC and community members will share their health care concerns and hear local experts discuss the dire need for health insurance reform. Last year, SEANC's delegates voted to "support federal and state legislation to provide access to quality and affordable health care for all U.S. citizens," as part of SEANC's Top Ten Policy Platform Objectives. To that end, SEANC supports a public health care option, which will expand affordability and choice for the uninsured. Members will share their personal stories with members of Congress, either in person or by letter following the town hall meetings.

Each week health care reform is delayed in the United States:*

- 44,230 more people will lose their health insurance coverage
- 17,835 more people will file for bankruptcy because they can't pay their medical bills
- 421 people will die because they lack coverage

SEANC, SEIU Local 2008 is the South's leading state employees' association 55,000 members strong.

SEANC Town Hall Meeting Schedule

Mon., August 10, 7 p.m. - ECU Brody School of Medicine Auditorium, 600 Moye Blvd., Greenville
Tues., August 11, 7 p.m. - Lenoir Community College Waller Auditorium, 231 Hwy 58 South, Kinston
Wed., August 12, 7 p.m. - Central Carolina Community College Multipurpose Building, Hwy 421, Lillington
Thurs., August 13, 6:45 p.m. - NCCU BN Duke Auditorium, 1851 Fayetteville St., Durham (NEW LOCATION)
Wed., August 19, 6:30 p.m. - Teamsters Union Hall, 3910 Teamsters Place, Colfax
Tues., August 25, 6:30 p.m. - Western Piedmont Community College, 1001 Burkemont Ave., Morganton
Wed., August 26, 7 p.m. - St. Matthew AME, 1629 Bennett St., Raleigh
Thurs., August 27, 7 p.m. - Pender Cooperative Extension, 801 S. Walker St., Burgaw
Mon., August 31, 6:30 p.m. - Vance-Granville Community College South Campus, Butner (Take I-85 to NC 56 [Exit 191] between Creedmoor and Butner. Go east. College is 1/4 mile from I-85.)
Tues., September 1, 6:30 p.m. - Martin St. Baptist Church, 1001 E. Martin St., Raleigh
Wed., September 2, 7 p.m. - Haywood Community College Auditorium, 185 Freedlander Dr., Clyde

* <http://www.familiesusa.org/assets/pdfs/health-reform/clock-is-ticking.pdf>
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/06/05/bankruptcy.medical.bills/>
<http://www.familiesusa.org/issues/uninsured/publications/dying-for-coverage.html>