

**Resolution Title:** Opposition to Increase in Medicare Part B Based on Income (Means Testing)  
**Submitted by:** Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, the Bush administration has passed legislation (part of Medicare Part D) that would provide Means Testing of Medicare beneficiaries, making the new income related premium fundamentally at odds with the premise of social insurance; and

Whereas, the law provides increased payment of the Medicare premium from individuals earning over \$80,000; and

Whereas, Means Testing is a slippery slope whereby the figure of over \$80,000 could easily be reduced in future years; and

Whereas, Means Testing is contrary to the long standing view held by the American people that Medicare eligible individuals should be treated equally regardless of income; and

Whereas, Means Testing will adversely affect middle income seniors who have worked over the years as productive citizens of our society to earn a decent income in retirement; and

Whereas, Medicare experts believe that middle class retirees will abandon the program and rely on private insurance instead, leaving poorer, sicker people in Medicare—Medicare would then become a welfare program rather than universal social insurance. A program serving the poor almost exclusively is bound over time to lose public support and funding necessary to sustain the program; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT oppose Means Testing of Medicare since it is a slippery slope that would result in future years in reduction of the threshold figure to include a greater number of middle income seniors; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT oppose Means Testing because it goes against more than 40 years of Medicare practice whereby all seniors, regardless of income are treated equally; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT view Means Testing of Medicare as an attack on middle class seniors who have earned their retirement income by many years of dedicated and productive work on behalf of the American people; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT engage in political action in concert with all national affiliates to repeal this horrific legislation.

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Delegate Assembly at a meeting held on December 21, 2006

Signed:   
(President)

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NYSUT Local or Retiree Council #

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**Resolution Title:** Resolution of Permanent Health Insurance Moratorium  
**Submitted by:** Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, NYSUT since 1994 has worked to secure legislation on an annual basis to protect our retirees from unilateral diminution of their retiree health benefits by their former employees; and

Whereas, federal statutory changes highlight the need to redouble our efforts to achieve a permanent health insurance moratorium for all retirees; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT capitalize on the new opportunity presented by a new governor and a new legislature to achieve a permanent health insurance moratorium at the earliest possible opportunity.

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**Resolution Title:** Resolution on Bulk Buying of Prescription Drugs for all Medicaid Recipients  
**Submitted by:** Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, New York does provide for bulk purchasing of prescription drugs for veterans as well as for public employees; and

Whereas, it is incumbent on our state to provide protection for all; and

Whereas, the cost savings for bulk buying should be passed onto the currently uninsured to alleviate their dilemmas; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT seek legislation to support bulk buying of prescription drugs for all Medicaid recipients within he state.

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**Resolution Title:** Resolution on Improvement in the COLA Legislature  
**Submitted by:** Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, NYSUT has successfully achieved the enactment of permanent COLA legislation; and

Whereas, this is a significant first step in rectifying the long-term loss of purchasing power for our retirees; and

Whereas, despite these long sought after improvements having been achieved, more needs to be done to protect the financial security of retired public employees; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT continue to seek legislation to expand the current law so that the COLA will be based upon 100% of ones pension; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT continue to seek legislation to expand the current law so that the COLA will be based upon the full consumer price index; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT capitalize on the new opportunity presented by a new governor and a new legislature and that NYSUT redouble its efforts to seek legislation and to expand the current law so that the COLA will provide enhanced inflation protection for older retirees.

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**Resolution Title:** Resolution to Correct the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)  
**Submitted by:** Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, after the problems associated with the 2000 presidential election, the Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act; and

Whereas, the Help America Vote Act does not provide adequate safeguards to ensure that all voting machines produce a paper trail of all votes cast; and

Whereas, our democracy require that election officials be able to verify and attest to the accurateness of all votes cast in any election; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT urge the AFT to seek legislation to amend the Help America Vote Act to ensure that all votes cast can be accurately accounted for with a paper trail.

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