



## Tea Party Patriots Health Care Freedom Tea Parties Neighborhood Walk Checklists

Thank you for volunteering to organize a Tea Party Patriots Health Care Freedom Tea Party. A neighborhood walk is one where you go door to door in your neighborhood and discuss the issues with your neighbors. For Health Care Freedom Neighborhood Walks, you will discuss the effects of government run health care and why you think Congress should vote against it.

We do these Neighborhood Walks to increase our reach and influence as Tea Party Patriots. You will find that often times the people who you talk to have not heard about the government takeover of health care bills. They will be glad that you stopped to give them a bit of information. In other cases, the people have heard about it but did not know what else to do to affect Congress. You will be able to give them action items to do. Tea Party Patriots has a very small budget and Neighborhood Walks are an effective way to get our message out without spending very much money.

### Before the Neighborhood Walk

- Decide who will be walking with you.
  - Will you do the walk by yourself or will you ask other Tea Party Patriots to walk with you?
  - Time is of the essence with these bills. The House of Representatives is working to pass the bill before they recess on July 31. So, if you are inviting others to walk with you, then you need to act quickly.
  - As a note, it is more fun to walk with others so that you have companionship.
- Determine where you will walk, walk time, and where you will meet up with other Tea Party Patriots if you are walking with others.
  - Choose neighborhoods that have houses relatively close together.
  - Neighborhoods with sidewalks are easier to walk.
  - Since you actually want to talk to people as you walk, it would probably be best to walk in the evening hours when people are home from work. If you cannot do the evening hours, then you can leave literature at their door.
- If you are going to invite others to walk with you, then register your walk in TeaPartyPatriots.org
  - Sign into <http://teapartypatriots.org>
  - Click on My Dashboard
  - Click Create a New Event
  - Fill out the details for your event and click Submit Event
  - It may take a few hours before your event is approved but it will be approved shortly.
- If you have a Facebook Account and are inviting others to walk with you, add an event for your Protest.
  - Sign into <http://facebook.com>.
  - Click on the Calendar Icon at the bottom left of the screen, which will take you to your Events
  - Click Create an Event at the top right
  - Fill out the details for the event.
  - Click Save
  - Upload the Tea Party Patriots logo which is found at <http://teapartypatriots.org/logo.jpg>



- Click Save
  - Click Publish
  - Invite Friends
  - Click Send Invitations
- Read the Tea Party Patriots Health Care Talking Points so you are familiar with why we are protesting government run health care: <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPLM03.pdf>.
  - Email your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to let them know about the Health Care Freedom Neighborhood Walk and invite them to participate. You can find the wording for the email from this link: <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPPHCNW01.txt>.
  - Print the Tea Party Patriots Health Care Freedom Neighborhood Walk Sign Up Form. This form will be used for neighbors who want more information about Tea Party Patriots so you know who is interested and can follow up with them after the event. <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPPHCNW02.pdf> Print at least 2 of these forms for each person who is going to walk.
  - Download and edit the Tea Party Patriots Health Care Freedom Letter. Found here: <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPPHCNW03.doc>. Print at least 10 of these for every person who will walk with you.
  - Print the Tea Party Patriots Free Our Health Care Now Petition. The signatures taken from this petition will be submitted to the freeourhealthcarenow.com petition, which currently has over 400,000 signatures. <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPLM08.pdf> Print 4 of these for each person who will walk with you.
  - Print several copies of the Tea Party Patriots Health Care Talking Points to handout to your neighbors. It is recommended that you print 10 of these for each person walking.
  - Print 1 script per person walking for Tea Party Patriots Neighborhood Walk: <http://teapartypatriots.org/TPPHCNW04.pdf>



### **Things to Take to the Tea Party Patriots Neighborhood Walk**

- Clipboards (1 for each person walking)
- Ink Pens (2 for each person walking)
- Still Camera
- Video Camera



## **During the Tea Party Patriots Neighborhood Walk**

- Welcome everyone. Thank them for attending. Remind them that one of the most important things they can do is to show up so that we have good crowd turnouts.
- Ask everyone to sign into the Tea Party Patriots Sign Up Sheet. It will be helpful to have these sign up sheets on a clipboard or two so that participants can easily sign up. This will be very important information so that you can follow up with everyone after the protest.
- Explain the game plan below,
  - Each person will be assigned a particular street. You may want to have 2 people walk a particular street, 1 on each side of the street.
  - When they arrive at the door, they will say the script.
  - After they finish walking, tell them where to meet up with everyone else.
- Give each person their Tea Party Patriots Health Care Freedom Neighborhood Walk Packet which includes:
  - Script (1 copy)
  - Petition (2 copies)
  - Tea Party Patriots Sign Up Form (2 copies)
  - Health Care Talking Points (2 copies)
  - Letter to Congressman and Senators (10 copies)
- Review the script with each walker.
- The first couple of houses, people may choose to walk in pairs so they get the hang of what they are doing. This is acceptable. It is not recommended to walk in more than pairs as it may be intimidating to have more than 2 people on a doorstep at a time.



## After the Neighborhood Walk

- ❑ Congratulations on a job well done! We know it takes a lot of work, time, and effort to pull an event off and we appreciate your dedication to fiscal responsibility, limited government, and free markets! There are a few things to do follow up with the Neighborhood Walk.
- ❑ Edit the event on <http://teapartypatriots.org> to enter the number of attendees that attended your event. Please do this as quickly as you possibly can.
  - Login to <http://teapartypatriots.org>
  - Goto My Dashboard
  - Click Edit My Events
  - Click Edit next to your event
  - In the very top line, enter the number for Final Guest Count
  - Click Update Event
- ❑ Enter the data collected from the sign up sheets into a spreadsheet. Email the spreadsheet to Tea Party Patriots: [jennybeth@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:jennybeth@teapartypatriots.org) and [amy@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:amy@teapartypatriots.org). Or if you prefer, you can scan and email the completed forms to [jennybeth@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:jennybeth@teapartypatriots.org) and [amy@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:amy@teapartypatriots.org) or fax them to 678-302-5377. Tea Party Patriots will have volunteers enter the data for you.
- ❑ Scan and email the completed Free Our Health Care Now Petition forms to [petition@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:petition@teapartypatriots.org) or fax the Free Our Health Care Now Petitions 678-302-5377.
- ❑ Email your photos or links to your photos to [photos@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:photos@teapartypatriots.org) and your videos or links to your videos to [photos@teapartypatriots.org](mailto:photos@teapartypatriots.org).