

Poll Results from Health Care Tele-Town Halls

Rep. Earl Blumenauer asked the following three questions during the telephone town halls on August 11 and August 14, 2009. Here are the combined results from the two tele-town halls:

1. How many people have had personal experiences or know someone who has had problems with health insurance?

60% said they have had problems or know someone who has had trouble with health insurance

40% said they have not had problems

2. Do you support creating a public health insurance option to compete with private insurers?

75% said they support a public option

25% said they do not support a public option

3. What is your preferred way of paying for health reform legislation? Choose one of the following:

a. taxes on wealthiest Americans

b. find a different revenue source

c. you do not care if the bill is paid for; health reform is more important than the deficit

a. 70% said they support taxes on wealthiest Americans to pay for health care reform

b. 25% said they want a different revenue source

c. 5% said they don't care if reform adds to the deficit; it just needs to get done.