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## **300-plus people meet to urge health-care reform**

More than 300 people met Monday night with representatives of California government officials to urge them to support health-care reform that would expand the Healthy Families insurance program and Medi-Cal to include all of California's children.

"We're not asking, we're demanding our leaders to do the just and moral thing -- to provide adequate health-care coverage to our children," said Lucy Allen, a member of Faith in Community, a Fresno faith-based lobbying organization.

Representatives for Gov. Schwarzenegger, U.S. Reps. Jim Costa and George Radanovich and Assembly Member Juan Arambula spoke at the town hall meeting held at Hope Lutheran Church, 364 E. Barstow Ave.

The representatives promised to schedule interviews between their officials and FIC members within two weeks.

The meeting was one of 19 that will be held across California this summer by affiliates of PICO National Network, a faith-based organization.