

WASHINGTON, DC –“ Congressman Joe Courtney applauded the United Technologies Corporation (UTC) today for extending health insurance coverage to dependents under the age of 26 earlier than required by the Affordable Care Act.

The decision follows a meeting between UTC and Connecticut’s Congressional Delegation where Congressman Courtney urged UTC CEO Louis Chenevert to adopt the key provision ahead the of the September 23, 2010 implementation deadline. Chenevert called Rep. Courtney today to share the company’s decision after reviewing the issue following the Congressman’s request.

"As a self-insured company and major employer in our state, I am pleased to see United Technologies lead by example," stated Courtney. "This is an absolutely essential provision in the new health insurance reform law and I commend the company’s foresight to implement it. I am also grateful for their decision to take advantage of this opportunity. It will benefit United Technologies employees and their families by providing continuous coverage to dependents under 26."

On April 19, 2010, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius sent a letter to leading insurance carriers and employers encouraging them to provide seamless coverage to those under 26 who remain on their parents’ insurance policies. This would allow relatively young, healthy people who do not have overwhelmingly high insurance costs to remain in the insurance pool without interruption.

[Click here to read the letter from Secretary Sebelius.](#)

Accelerating this provision will ensure that young adults have access to affordable care at a critical point in their lives.