

Single Payer Health Care

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee represents the interests of all Democrats in the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, President Trump and the Republican majority in both houses of Congress are committed to overturning the Affordable Care Act, are unable to craft new health care legislation that will be better than the ACA.

WHEREAS, too many American people find basic healthcare unaffordable;

WHEREAS, economists who have studied health insurance agree that a form of universal coverage is necessary to spread risk¹;

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party needs to be willing to say to the public that we understand that for as many as the ACA helped, there are 25 million uninsured, and more have insurance in name only—it was burdensome in premiums and unaffordable due to high deductibles;

WHEREAS, Single Payer health care provides substantial healthcare savings for individuals, families, businesses, municipalities, and school districts;

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Health Care Plan, which is a true universal, Single Payer/Medicare for All health care plan, (HB 1688) is being re-introduced this term by Democrat Representative Pam DeLissio²;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Democratic Party needs to show voters that they are truly interested in the working people of this Commonwealth having an affordable health care plan that they can use to get healthcare for themselves and their families;

WHEREAS, the American people are in favor of a Single Payer health care system³

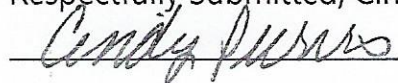
WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Democratic Party is on record in support of universal, single-payer health care plan at the state level;

Now therefore be it resolved, we are asking our elected members of the PA General Assembly to support and push HB 1688 in the House, or a companion bill in the Senate, and to help carry it to final passage, and;

Be it further resolved that our Representatives at the Democratic National Committee shall understand that this Party and the People of this Commonwealth, are best served by a Single Payer/Medicare For All health care plan, and shall move that the DNC adopt such a proposal. And ask our congress members and senators to commit to supporting such a plan on the federal level.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Purvis

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¹ <https://www.healthcare-now.org/blog/economist-joseph-stiglitz-a-single-payer-supporter/>

² <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?chamber=H&SPick=20170&cosponId=227>

³ <http://www.politico.com/f/?id=0000015b-5fbb-da80-afdf-dfff4d650002>, pages 168-170