



January 22, 2019

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
United States House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Jayapal,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for your legislation, the Medicare for All Act of 2019.

The current state of our nation's health care system is unacceptable. Every day that goes by, more Americans go without recommended care, fail to see a doctor when sick, or neglect to fill a prescription because of high costs. It staggers belief that in the wealthiest nation on Earth, 30 million people remain uninsured, and an additional 41 million people are underinsured. It is outrageous that the United States spends twice as much on health care as other major industrialized countries, and yet Americans continue to experience worse health outcomes, with more preventable deaths under the age of 75 and a higher infant mortality rate than many peer nations. We agree that it is time to reorient American health care around the needs of patients, not profits, and that your legislation to improve and expand Medicare can finally secure health care as a human right for every American, once and for all.

The Medicare for All Act of 2019 would guarantee access to healthcare with comprehensive benefits, and there would be no premiums, co-pays, or deductibles. Long-term services and supports for people with disabilities and older Americans, through both home and community-based services, would be fully covered. Your legislation would reduce healthcare spending and the cost of prescription drugs. Additionally, seniors would benefit from more comprehensive coverage in Medicare, which would be improved to include dental, vision, prescription drugs, and long-term care services.

Thank you for your persistent leadership in this effort and for fiercely pressing forward until that day when every American will finally be able to receive the medical care they need, without worrying that they are one emergency away from bankruptcy. Working together, we will realize this vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Altman".

Nancy J. Altman
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Lawson".

Alex Lawson
Executive Director