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May 12th, 2021

Dear Congressman:

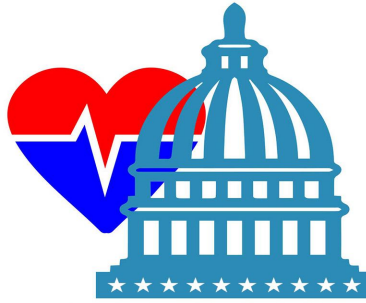
We, the undersigned, urge you to sign on as an original co-sponsor of Rep. Ro Khanna's State Based Universal Healthcare Act by the deadline of May 13th, 2021. Covid 19 has shone a bright light on the inequities, frailties, and unsustainability of our current fractured healthcare system, and it is time that we as a nation take significant steps to address these inadequacies.

As we work towards a universal national plan that works for all residents of our nation, we should also support state initiatives to expand comprehensive healthcare. Time and again states have served as the incubators for lasting systemic change, and it is our belief that we can do so again with healthcare reform.

As you may be aware, Rep. Ro Khanna is reintroducing the State Based Universal Health Care Act to amend the ACA by creating a waiver to allow states to develop their own plans. In fact, multiple states are already passing legislation to ready themselves for a transition to a unified financing system pending federal authority. Rep. Khanna's bill would support these states in their efforts.

Specifically, the State Based Universal Health Care Act requires participating states or groups of states to propose plans to provide health care coverage for at least 95 percent of their residents within five years, and requires benefits provided under state plans be equal to or greater than what federal beneficiaries receive now.

You may be thinking, "But wait, doesn't section 1332 of the ACA already allow states to innovate freely?" Unfortunately, 1332 waivers don't quite go far enough. Here are the main reasons the State Based Universal Health Care Act 1335 waiver is different from, and better than, the ACA's 1332 waiver for the purposes of creating universal state plans:



- SBUHC allows states to integrate Medicare funds into a state plan; ACA's 1332 does not.
- SBUHC gives access to an ERISA waiver to prevent self-insured employers from opting out of a state plan; 1332 does not.
- SBUHC allows two or more states to apply for waivers together to create a regional plan; 1332 does not.
- SBUHC requires state plans to cover at least 95% of their residents within 5 years; 1332 does not.
- SBUHC creates a broad HHS Secretary-appointed Independent Assessment Panel to review and recommend on 1335 waiver applications; 1332 leaves waiver decisions with the HHS Secretary alone.

Please consider our request, and sign on as an original co-sponsor of this critical legislation as our nation looks to your leadership in the most challenging time we've faced in generations.

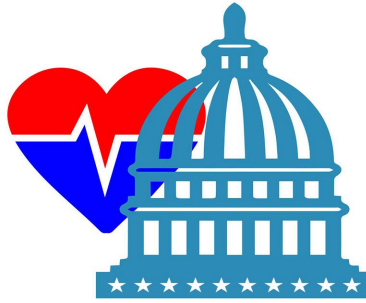
Sincerely,

National Organizations

American College of Nurse-Midwives
Business Leaders for Health Care Transformation
Doctors for America
Healthcare-NOW
Justice for All Network
Labor Campaign for Single Payer
Midwives for Universal Healthcare
National Nurses United
National Union of Healthcare Workers
One Payer States
People's Action
Progressive Democrats of America
Public Citizen
Social Security Works

State and Local Organizations: Since 5/7

AFT Local 2026 Community College of Philadelphia
AZ Medicare for All Coalition
CARA-Marin
Health Care for All California
Health Care for All - Humboldt Chapter
Healthcare for All California-Los Angeles Chapter
Healthcare for All Philadelphia
Medicare For All CT, Inc.
Mid Valley Health Care Advocates
PA State Democratic Cmte.'s Progressive Caucus.
Partners for Dignity & Rights
PDA Florida, PDA Central Florida, PD4A Central Florida
Physicians for a National Health Program--Humboldt Chapter
Physicians for a National Health Program - Washington



State and Local Orgs: *Since 5/7 cont'd*

Progressive Democrats of America-St. Petersburg Chapter

Progressive Democrats of America, Tucson, AZ Chapter

Physicians for a National Health Program, South Bay

South Bay Progressive Alliance

The New 21st Century Movement Association

State and Local Organizations

AFT Washington

Alliance for a Healthy Washington, WA

American Indian Health Commission for WA State

Arvadans for Progressive Action, CO

Asia Pacific Cultural Center, WA

Asia Pacific Islander Coalition - Pierce County, WA

Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition of Washington, WA

Asian Counseling and Referral Service, WA

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition-Yakima, WA

Backbone Campaign, WA

BMWED/Teamsters, DC

California Nurses Association

California OneCare/HEAL California

Capital Chapter PNHP, CA

Children's Alliance, WA

Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care

India Association Western Washington, WA

Indivisible Sequim, WA

Doctors for America - Washington, WA

Doctors in Politics, WA

Economic Opportunity Institute, WA

Faith Action Network, WA

HCA/PHNP-Humboldt, CA

Health care for All Colorado

Health Care for All Oregon

Health Care for All Pennsylvania

Health Care for All Washington

Health Care Is a Human Right Campaign, WA

Healthcare Action Committee, CA

Healthcare for All Minnesota

Healthcare for All Oregon-Action

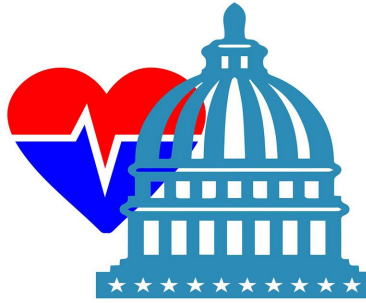
Healthcare for All PA

Healthcare for All Working Group, CA

IAM District 751 Retirement Club, WA

Progressive Democrats of America CO

Progressive Democrats of America NJ



Keystone Progress of PA.

Legal Voice, WA

Louisiana Poor People's Campaign

Maine Healthcare Action

MaineAllcare

Minnesota Nurses Association

NAACP - Seattle-King County, WA

North Seattle Progressives, WA

Northwest Health Law Advocates, WA

NOW - Tacoma, WA

NOW - Washington State

Opportunity Council, WA

Our Revolution Pennsylvania

Pacific Hospital Preservation & Development Authority, WA

Pacific Islander Healthboard of Washington, WA

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Pennsylvania Municipal League

People Demanding Action, VA

Physicians for a National Health Program - NY Metro, NY

Physicians for a National Health Program-Santa Barbara, CA

Physicians for a National Health Program—CA

PrairieWood Consulting, LLC, WA

Progressive Democrats of America CA

Project Access Northwest, WA

PSARA (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action), WA

Refugee & Immigrant Services NW and Snohomish APIC, WA

Retired Public Employees Council of Washington, WA

Rights & Democracy (NH and VT), VT

Seattle Indivisible, WA

Single Payer Action Network Ohio, OH

Social Justice Ministry, Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta, CA

Southern Maine Workers' Center, ME,

SPAN Ohio, OH

Statewide Poverty Action Network, WA

United for National Healthcare, WA

WA Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives

Washington Community Action Network

Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility

West Consulting, WA

Whole Washington, WA