



Kirkland Democratic Committee

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION THAT INCLUDES A PUBLIC OPTION

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WHEREAS, the health care system of the United States is in crisis, with almost fifty million Americans lacking any insurance, tens of millions more lacking adequate coverage, and millions more who do have private coverage paying increasingly unaffordable premiums, resulting in inadequate access to the medical care needed to treat illness, prevent premature death, or safeguard Americans from financial ruin, and

WHEREAS, public polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans want health care reform to offer the choice of a strong public option similar to Medicare in order to compete with private insurance companies, and

WHEREAS, co-ops or options dependent on so called “triggers” are inadequate vehicles for creating significant competition for the medical insurance industry, and

WHEREAS, opponents of the Administration’s plans, spurred on by the right-wing media, are unwilling to compromise in order to pass meaningful health care reform;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Democratic Committee urges our Democratic members of Congress to vote for those health care reform proposals that contain a strong public option, whether in committee, conference, or reconciliation, and encourages our Democratic members of Congress to use any parliamentary means available to them to pass health care reform that will be available, meaningful, and affordable to all Americans.

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