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Senator Quezada

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING A NATIONAL MEDICARE FOR ALL SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, despite important gains made since the implementation of
2 the Affordable Care Act, nearly 30 million Americans lack health insurance
3 coverage; and

4 Whereas, millions of Americans have insurance coverage that is so
5 inadequate that a major illness would lead to their financial ruin, and
6 medical illness and bills currently contribute to two-thirds of all
7 bankruptcies; and

8 Whereas, the United States ranks last among industrialized nations
9 in health outcomes, and as many as 30,000 people in the United States die
10 each year due to inadequate health care; and

11 Whereas, managed care and other market-based reforms have failed to
12 contain skyrocketing health care costs, which threaten the international
13 competitiveness of United States businesses; and

14 Whereas, the existence of thousands of public and private insurance
15 providers and regulators has resulted in extraordinarily complex health
16 care business procedures that consume almost one-third of our nation's
17 expenditures for health care. In contrast, the single-payer Medicare
18 system has administrative costs of less than five percent; and

19 Whereas, numerous academic studies have concluded that the
20 administrative savings under a single-payer, Medicare for All system would
21 be enough to cover the currently uninsured and improve coverage for those
22 who now have only partial coverage; and

23 Whereas, a Medicare for All system would provide national health
24 insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical
25 care, including prescription drugs, hospital, surgical and outpatient
26 services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, reproductive
27 care, dental and vision care and long-term care; and

28 Whereas, the Medicare for All Act would provide coverage without
29 copays, deductibles or other out-of-pocket costs and would slash
30 bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship and ensure patients a
31 free choice of health care providers; and

32 Whereas, recent polls show that the majority of Americans support
33 Medicare for All; and

34 Whereas, a Medicare for All system of care would vastly improve the
35 quality of life for Americans because they could get the ongoing, high
36 quality preventive health care they need instead of waiting until a
37 medical emergency upends their lives.

38 Therefore

39 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

40 That the Members of the Senate support legislation enacting a
41 Medicare for All system of health care that ensures efficient health care
42 for all Americans.