

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 562 (Lara and Atkins) - Californians for a Healthy  
2 California Act - Establishing of a Comprehensive Universal Single-Payer Health Care  
3 Coverage Program]

4 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 562, authored by Senators Lara and**  
5 **Atkins, the Californians for a Healthy California Act, that would establish a**  
6 **comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a system for**  
7 **health care cost control for the benefit of all state residents.**

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9 WHEREAS, Existing federal law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
10 (PPACA), enacted various health care coverage market reforms that took effect  
11 January 1, 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, PPACA required each state, by January 1, 2014, to establish an American  
13 Health Benefit Exchange to facilitate the purchase of qualified health benefit plans by qualified  
14 individuals and qualified small employers; and

15 WHEREAS, Existing state law created the California Health Benefit Exchange, also  
16 known as Covered California, to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans by qualified  
17 individuals and qualified small employers; and

18 WHEREAS, While PPACA has brought many improvements in health care and health  
19 care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage;  
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21 WHEREAS, The 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Donald Trump, signed an  
22 executive order on his first day in office giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle  
23 regulations created under the PPACA; and

24 WHEREAS, The Executive Order explicitly asserted that the Trump Administration's  
25 official policy is "to seek the prompt repeal" of the PPACA which, if effected, could result in the

1 loss of \$18 billion in federal funding for the expanded Medi-Cal program and \$5.4 billion in  
2 premium subsidies and cost-sharing reductions for Covered California, endangering the  
3 exchange’s survival, according to a report issued by the California State Legislative Analyst’s  
4 Office; and

5 WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have also  
6 experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years,  
7 including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks  
8 and high out-of-network charges; and

9 WHEREAS, To address the threats to the PPACA and the ensuing fiscal crisis facing  
10 the health care system and the state, and to ensure Californians can maintain their access to  
11 health care, comprehensive health care coverage needs to be provided; and

12 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 562 (“SB 562”), known as the Californians for a Healthy  
13 California Act, is currently being considered by the California State Legislature, and would  
14 establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health  
15 care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the California State  
17 Legislature to support SB 562, such that Californians can be assured of access to affordable  
18 and comprehensive health care necessary for a healthy and prosperous state; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed  
20 to forward this resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly and President Pro Tem of the  
21 Senate of the California State Legislature.

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