Elected Republicans and Democrats are blocking single-payer national health care. Their phony “reform” will mean thousands more deaths, personal and business bankruptcies, and much higher costs.

The Green Party
Supporting Single-Payer National Health Care 100%

The US is the ONLY industrialized country WITHOUT a health care system that covers all its citizens.
### WHY

**DO WE NEED SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE?**

The for-profit health care system doesn’t work.

18,000 Americans die every year because they didn’t have health insurance.

Thousands of Americans WITH health insurance also die, because health insurers delayed or denied their care.

Nearly half of all young people (19-34) are without health insurance.

Approximately half of all personal bankruptcies are caused by medical bills.

American businesses can’t afford to provide insurance for their workers.

Single-payer is the best alternative.

Single-payer is cheaper than for-profit health insurance. Countries with national health care spend about HALF as much per person on health care than we do, yet their people are healthier.

Single-payer delivers better care. The profit motive driving our current system inevitably diverts resources from patients to investors, executive pay, advertising, lobbying, a morass of paperwork, etc.

Only single-payer can cover everyone.

### HOW

**WILL SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE WORK FOR US?**

Under a single-payer system, all Americans would be covered for all medically necessary services, including: doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs.

Doctors would be paid fee-for-service or receive salary from a hospital or nonprofit HMO / group practice. The system would pay hospitals for operating expenses. Health facilities and expensive equipment purchases would be managed by regional health boards.

A single-payer system would be financed by eliminating private insurers and saving what they waste on profit, administration, and harassing patients and doctors. Premiums and out-of-pocket payments currently paid by individuals and business would be replaced by modest new taxes amounting to half or 2/3 what we pay now. Such savings are impossible if the killing, profiteering insurers stay in business.

Costs would be controlled through preventing disease instead of treating it later, negotiated fees, budgeting and bulk purchasing.

### WHO

**WILL MAKE SINGLE-PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH CARE A REALITY?**

**WE WILL!**

Green Party  
www.gp.org

Health Care Now!  
www.healthcare-now.org

Labor Campaign for Single Payer Health Care  
www.laborforsinglepayer.org

Leadership Conference for Guaranteed Health Care  
guaranteedhealthcare4all.org

Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign  
economichumanrights.org

FAIR – Fairness and Accuracy in Media  
fair.org

Mobilize for Health Care  
www.mobilizeforhealthcare.org

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**308 Million Americans = 2 Political Parties = Democracy?**