



September 27, 2017

Anthony Rendon
Capitol Office
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Rendon:

The Pacific Palisades Democratic Club urges you to move forward immediately with committee hearings on SB 562, the Healthy California Act.

We understand you face political pressure from Democratic leaders and insurance lobbyists, but this is your opportunity to be on the right side of history — and faithful to Californians — rather than allowing the fear of corporate-interest retribution to guide your actions. Just as Saskatchewan led Canada to its single-payer system, California can lead the United States.

Every other industrialized nation has removed the profit-maximization-through-claim-denial aspect of national healthcare because healthcare must be about quality of life, not about enriching shareholders. As you know, SB 562 expands on the good work of the Affordable Care Act by providing quality healthcare to all California residents while saving the state billions in healthcare costs (UMass/Pollin Political Economy Research Institute Analysis, May 2017).

Progressive groups and clubs like ours are the tip of an iceberg of support eager to make legislators who lead on this issue the stuff of social/political legend. We support you in summoning the courage to believe in this fight and move SB 562 to a committee hearing. We will bring our energy, enthusiasm, and resources of advocacy to fight with you. Please take a stand and become a leader in moving California forward to universal, affordable, single-payer health care. It's time to make history.

Sincerely,

The Pacific Palisades Democratic Club

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