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— *for* —

NEW YORK HEALTH

To Governor Cuomo, State Senators and Assembly Members:

We are current and future physicians of New York State. With the New York Health Act, all New Yorkers will have access to health services without fear of financial ruin.

We see patients needlessly suffering--unable to pay for medications, tests, and doctor visits, delaying treatment, and failing to address treatable illnesses. Every day, five New Yorkers die due to lack of access to healthcare. Nearly 2,000 lives are unnecessarily lost per year in our state. We cannot remain quiet while the current health insurance system causes millions of uninsured and underinsured New Yorkers to struggle with preventable illness and death.

We can do better. **We urge you to support the New York Health Act and replace private insurance with comprehensive, universal healthcare for every New Yorker.**

Here's how New Yorkers will benefit:

- 1. Comprehensive coverage.** All residents, regardless of immigration status, will be covered for: primary, preventive, and specialty care; hospitalization; mental health; reproductive health; dental, vision, and hearing; and prescription drugs and medical supplies. Within two years of passage, long-term care will be covered. It will be more comprehensive than commercial health plans.
- 2. Freedom to choose.** No network restrictions. Patients will choose the doctors they want and make healthcare decisions with them, not with insurance companies.
- 3. Fair funding.** No more premiums, deductibles, or co-pays. Universal coverage funded through a graduated tax on income, based on ability to pay. Healthcare costs will be reduced for 98% of New Yorkers. Most business healthcare expenditures will also be reduced.
- 4. Decreased administrative costs.** No more paying insurance companies' administrative costs and profits. No more time spent by doctors, hospitals, employers, and patients completing forms and negotiating with insurance companies. The total savings is estimated to be \$45 billion. Healthcare will be accountable to the public's health, not to insurance company stockholders.
- 5. Reduced cost of drugs and devices.** Direct negotiation with pharmaceutical companies and medical device makers will bring prices down by as much as 40%.

Today, 25 states are considering single-payer legislation. New York is the closest to passing a bill. **Make our state a national leader by supporting and passing the New York Health Act and enshrining health as a human right for all.**

Sincerely,

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