



Health Care for All - California

SINGLE-PAYER UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Dear Supporter,

As you may already know, AB 1400 **did not get a vote on the Assembly floor** yesterday as anticipated. Since that was the deadline for the single payer bill to pass the Assembly, it will not advance to the Senate and is **finished for this session**.

What happened? The bill's main author, Ash Kalra, after counting the votes and coming up short, **decided to pull the bill ahead of the vote**. Read [his statement](#).

The decision prompted an **angry response** from the California Nurses Association, along with members of the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic party. The party platform identifies single payer health care as a high-priority goal. A vote on AB 1400 would have publicly exposed Democratic legislators not willing to support the bill, making it easier to target them in re-election races this year.

Lobbying by opponents in the leadup to yesterday's floor session was intense and predictably negative. One Republican party message warned AB 1400 would "cripple healthcare coverage" and "double taxes." Legislators heard similar claims from the state Chamber of Commerce and health industry stakeholders.

In explaining his **rationale for pulling the bill**, Ash Kalra said he was **looking ahead**. He distinguished between colleagues who were firm opponents and those who were opening to single payer but "not there yet." He felt holding a vote would risk alienating the latter group whom he foresaw as potential supporters on the next bill once a number of pro-single payer candidates running in November joined the Assembly.

What next? In addition to a dynamic and critical primary season, the **Healthy California for All Commission** will be issuing its **final report on the use of "unified financing"** to deliver equitable health care to all state residents. Single payer was the only concrete model discussed. The Commission has been led by the governor's appointed head of Health and Human Services, Mark Ghaly.

This will be Gov. Newsom's next opportunity to lead on single payer.

Activists who worked hard to change the dialogue and focus of the Commission need to stay engaged in this last phase.

Building the movement. Public support is high and growing stronger. The AB 1400 campaign has **mobilized activists, boosted public awareness, and moved the dial** with some legislators. And it will identify legislators misrepresenting constituents who need to be replaced. Going forward, **massive organizing will be needed** to move the governor, win the next round in the legislature and prevail at the polls. California CAN do this. We WILL do this.



The **30-second video spots** on the [Health Care for All - California YouTube Channel](#), are designed to challenge the widely accepted belief that we need private insurance. Help spread the word and start conversations. **And please help boost visibility by [subscribing](#) to the channel today.**

Thank you!

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