Do Not Support or Endorse Candidates Who Fail to Support Single Payer Health Care

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Party's platform on Health Care states that "health care is a basic human right;"

WHEREAS this platform also calls for "An affordable universal single-payer system to provide the most equitable and effective health care, serving both individual and public health needs ";

WHEREAS the health care system in the US fails to meet the needs of millions of our citizens;

WHEREAS a single payer health care system will provide all citizens of the United States with complete and comprehensive health care regardless of their health, age, gender or economic condition;

WHEREAS single payer health care bills have been introduced to both the Washington State House and Senate and have not made it out of committee;

WHEREAS there is an active bill in the US House of Representatives, HR 676, Expanded and Improved Medicare for All, that would provide health coverage for all US citizens at a considerably lower cost;

WHEREAS there are single payer healthcare bills being drafted for introduction into the US Senate;

WHEREAS we pay more for health care than any other industrialized nation and still place last in overall mortality, infant mortality and a healthy life expectancy at age 60;

WHEREAS over 40,000 Americans die every year due to lack of health care;

WHEREAS polls have shown that over 50% of all voters and 81% of Democrats favor single payer; and

WHEREAS candidates for local office often aspire to State and Federal office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Democrats should consider funding, endorsing or in other ways supporting Federal and State Legislative candidates who support a single payer health care system and who support a universal health care system that guarantees lifetime healthcare such as a single-payer healthcare system; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Democrats will encourage other county Democratic Parties in Washington State to do likewise.

Submitted to the Jefferson County Democrats on August 12, 2017 by:

Patricia Walat 206-850-5835 trishwalat1@gmail.com