**Resolution in Support of HR 676,**

**National Single Payer Legislation,**

**Expanded and Improved Medicare for All**

Although capable of great medicine, America's health care system is in deep trouble. In spite of efforts to regulate the insurance industry, for-profit health insurance companies are finding ways to skirt the law. The Affordable Care Act, passed in 2010, made it possible for some of the uninsured to find coverage, but did not resolve the problem that health insurance companies are pricing care beyond our means.

Rising co-pays and deductibles make it more difficult for those who have insurance to get the care they need. The excise tax of 2018 (since delayed) will make things worse.

Employers seek to drop health benefits for early retirees, for spouses, for part timers. Some corporations use bankruptcy laws to shirk their contractual health care obligations. The rising cost of health insurance is blocking progress in wages and other areas.

Insurance companies rather than patients are deciding what doctors we can see and what hospitals we can use. Drug company profits soar as, so far, congress has not used the power of bulk purchasing to bring down the prices. The US spends double per capita what other industrialized nations spend, yet ranks far below in life expectancy and infant mortality.

We deserve better. It doesn’t have to be this way. Firefighters don’t ask us to pay before they save our families from burning houses. They just proceed to do the right thing. Health care is just as important as fire protection. Lives are at stake and all of us should have the best care that this wealthy nation has the ability to provide. Our tax dollars subsidize the research, the medical schools, and the hospitals. We’re already paying for the best care but not getting it.

HR 676, Expanded and Improved Medicare for All, has been introduced into each session of Congress since 2003. It will establish a single payer health care system by expanding a greatly improved Medicare to cover everyone. It will restore our right to choose our physicians and free us from insurance company interference in medical decisions. It will free our health care from corporate control.

HR 676 will cover everyone for all necessary medical care including dental, prescription drugs, hospital, surgical, outpatient services, primary and preventive care, emergency services, mental health, home health, physical therapy, rehabilitation (including for substance abuse), vision care, chiropractic, eyeglasses, hearing aids, other medical devices and long term care.

HR 676 will end premiums, deductibles and co-payments.

HR 676 will save hundreds of billions annually by eliminating the high overhead and profits of the private health insurance industry and by using our purchasing power to rein in the drug companies. The transition to national health insurance would apply the savings from eliminating administrative waste and profits to expanding and improving care for all.

**Resolved:**

That \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wholeheartedly endorses HR 676, “Expanded and Improved Medicare for All,” a single payer health care program.

That \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will work with others in our community to build a groundswell of popular support and action for single payer universal health care and HR 676 until we make what is morally right for our nation into what is also politically possible.

That \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will send a copy of this resolution to our Congressional representatives and to our Senators.

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\_\_\_Yes, our organization endorsed HR 676:

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If your organization is interested in having a speaker on HR 676, please check here\_\_\_\_.

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