

RPC 2018-020 A Resolution of the Washington County Democrats
Central Committee in support of HR 6097 and companion legislation in the Senate

(A) WHEREAS, Representative Jayapal (D. WA) has introduced HR 6097, which amends Title 1 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), “to authorize the establishment of, and provide support for, State-based universal health care systems that provide comprehensive health benefits to state residents and for other purposes”;

(B) WHEREAS, The Democratic Party of Oregon's (DPO) number one legislative priority is Improved, Expanded Medicare for All: “to adopt an equitable, comprehensive, universal health care system which provides comprehensive health care to all regardless of ability to pay;

(C) WHEREAS, The WCDCC and the DPO also recognize health care as a human right;

(D) WHEREAS, There have been ongoing efforts in Oregon for over 20 years to establish a single payer health care system in the state and there are now efforts now underway to place a referendum in front of voters in Oregon in 2020 to establish such a health care system in the state;

(E) WHEREAS, According to the Oregon Health Authority, 94% of Oregonians currently have some form of health coverage (biennial Health Insurance Survey conducted 2017) while 6% remain uninsured (12% of the young adult population);

(F) WHEREAS, The rise of health care premiums, in addition to cut backs in financing and coverage at the Federal level to Medicaid, Medicare, and other health care programs will adversely impact care in Oregon and significantly decrease the number of Oregonians who can remained covered;

(G) WHEREAS, Present coverage for many Oregonians does not guarantee full health care as increasingly high deductibles and copays, and increasing pharmaceutical costs, limit access to care and medication (documented in the 1/19/2017 Rand Report); and

(H) WHEREAS, HR 6097 will provide access to funding and legislative flexibility and make it easier for states to obtain waivers to implement universal coverage programs, to help achieve our goal of a single payer health care system;

THEREFORE, We the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon,
Resolve as follows:

1. The WCDCC supports the passage of HR 6097 and thanks Representatives Bonamici, DeFazio, and Blumenauer for signing on;
2. The WCDCC encourages Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley to sponsor a companion bill in the Senate;
3. The WCDCC requests that our state legislators also encourage Representative Kurt Schrader to sign on to HR 6097; and
4. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to our entire Congressional delegation, all of our Oregon state legislators, and the head of the Oregon Health Authority

Resolution submitted by Lisa Stiller, R&PC Member – October 2nd, 2018

Approved by R&PC – October 2nd, 2018

Adopted by the WCDCC – October 24th, 2018