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Senator Ricardo Lara
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 562 (LARA and ATKINS) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:


The Albany City Council strongly supports SB 562 (Lara/Atkins), The Healthy California Act. Rising health care costs, and cost shifting from insurance companies to patients are creating serious economic problems for employers and employees by undermining wages and pensions, pricing individual purchasers out of the market, escalating the number of uninsured and underinsured, and placing significant financial strain on public resources.

When enacted, the Healthy California Act will guarantee that every resident of California will receive comprehensive healthcare services. Individuals will have free choice of licensed health professionals and services. Covered benefits will include services to keep people healthy—mentally and physically—as well as services that diagnose and treat diseases. In addition to emergency services, surgeries and hospital stays, services such as home healthcare, day care and hospice are covered. Vision and dental care are also included.

The Healthy California Act has been crafted to provide a single high standard of safe, therapeutic care for all California residents in a manner that is financially sustainable. The advances from the Affordable Care Act will be folded into the new system and lower prescription drug costs.

The Healthy California Act will create a system that will serve all Californians equitably, efficiently, and affordably.

Sincerely,


Peggy McQuaid
Mayor, City of Albany