

28th June, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We, the undersigned Californian delegates to the Democratic National Convention, as members of the largest state delegation, write this open letter to express the profound urgency for the House of Representatives to hold a clean, up-or-down floor vote on H.R. 1384 - Medicare For All Act of 2019 (Jayapal).

We are united in our call for the Speaker to schedule a vote on the bill before Election Day, November 3rd, 2020.

The world is in the midst of a global pandemic which has infected millions and killed over 100,000 Americans, with a simultaneous economic recession and over 40,000,000 lost jobs.

Our privatized, employer-based health coverage model is an international embarrassment. It economically crushes working families for the private profits of a few elites. Under this unjust system, people are going without care because they can't open up their wallets.

Low-income communities, Indigenous, African American, Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander, Immigrant, LGBTQ, Aging, and Disability communities are the least served by the healthcare status quo. These are the same communities now being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

In light of these incredible circumstances, we urge you to forgo political expediency and incrementalism and directly address the human needs of the people.

The time is now to recognize healthcare as a human right.

The time is now to #PassTheDamnBill.

In solidarity,

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