

Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee: I am writing in support of SB 428 to extend the timeline for the Task Force on Universal Health Care to submit its report to the legislature to December 31, 2021. The extension of time is needed because the pandemic prevented the Task Force from meeting until August of 2020, a four month delay. The Task Force has been working diligently to complete their mission but it is clear that they will not be finished by June. The time extension will allow them to not only complete their work but will allow for more outreach to and input from the public and healthcare industry constituents. Please support the time extension and necessary funding so that the Task Force can continue this ground-breaking work.

Sincerely,  
Karen Christianson, Chair  
Mid Valley Health Care Advocates.