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Measure: SB704

Please support SB 704. Our current financing system is broken, and single payer is the solution. This isn't hypothetical. SB 704 is the next step we need, and by creating the UHP Governance Board we know it'll be done right.

I've had the personal misfortune of dealing with "good" insurance. Despite my insurance company's best efforts to kill me by delaying the care my doctors said I needed, here I am, asking you to support SB 704. Despite my "good" insurance policy, and having paid a lot of money in premiums every month, I still had to pay thousands of dollars in deductibles and co-insurance. Twice, because out of pocket maximums reset every calendar year. Happy New Year, here's another $7,900 bill!

Even having "good" insurance doesn't mean it's affordable to get care, and the cost of monthly premiums for "good" insurance isn't affordable either. If they can't make another buck by killing you by denying care, they'll make it by killing your bank account and your credit score. And that's if you're fortunate and privileged enough to have "good" insurance.

We all know our system is broken. We all know single payer is the solution. Please help make it happen by supporting SB 704 in the strongest possible way.