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I am writing in support of ongoing funding for the Essential Worker Healthcare Trust through SB 27 and SB 283. My old insurance claimed I wanted to remove a large goiter that covers half my neck for cosmetic reasons because it is not Cancer. But I have had it now 17 years. Whenever I get covid.it swells the goiter more and causes me to not swallow and choke. I have to have an AFFORDABLE INSURANCE SO I CAN GET IT REMOVED TO SAVE MY LIFE FROM CHOKING. Also, I have not had a PCP since 2020 mine retired and closed the practice. Now that I'm finally on EWHT the healthcare trust will actually assign me one. With Cigna insurance I could only go to urgent care. Please help all of my fellow workers. We all have these horrible healthcare issues, and we need something we can afford to use and can use. Thank you for your help. Please fund EWHT. - Lani Rookard, CNA, Hillside Heights