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Measure: SB1089

Please support SB 1089. Our current financing system is broken, and single payer is the solution. This isn't hypothetical. SB 1089 is the next big step, and by creating the UHP Governance Board we know that 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 that my doctors said I needed, here I am, asking you to support SB 1089. Despite my "good" insurance policy, and having paid large amounts of money in premiums every month, I still had to pay thousands of dollars in out of pocket expenses. Twice, because out of pocket maximums reset every calendar year. Happy New Year, here's another bill.

Having "good" insurance doesn't mean that getting health care is affordable, and the cost of monthly premiums for "good" insurance certainly isn't affordable either. If they can't make another buck by killing you in the hospital, they'll make it by killing your bank account and your credit score. And that's if you're fortunate and privileged enough to even have "good" insurance.

As SB 704, this bill received a record amount of testimony in support when it was heard by the Health Care Committee, and passed in a bipartisan, unanimous 5-0 vote. There's no question that this bill has huge, widespread support. We all know our system is broken. We all know single payer is the solution. Please help make it happen by supporting SB 1089 in the strongest possible way.