

California's AB-1611, currently before the Assembly Appropriations Committee, would end aggressive billing tactics after emergency room visits, like those that left one patient with a \$20,000 treatment bill after a minor bike crash. The new bill would bar California hospitals from pursuing charges beyond a patient's regular co-payment or deductible. The ban would apply even if a hospital was out-of-network with a patient's health insurance. This legislation has moved through the Assembly Health Committee and is now with the Appropriations Committee. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE support for AB-1611 and **SHARE** any billing stories of your own

- **California Assembly Appropriations Committee**, State Capitol, Room 2114, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-2081

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Currently California law allows a tax-deduction for donations of produce made to food banks. AB 614, approved by the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee and now with the Assembly Appropriations Committee, would extend this deduction to a wide range of other foods, including rice, beans, dairy products, nuts, infant formula, vegetable and olive oil, bread and pasta, soup, and canned meats and seafood. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE support for this just-plain-the-right-thing-to-do legislation

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The California Senate has passed SB-27, which would require Presidential candidates appearing on the California ballot to provide the five most recent years of their tax returns, which would be made available to the public via the California Secretary of State's website. The legislation now goes to the Assembly. Governor Brown vetoed similar legislation last year. Governor Newsom has not taken a public stance on the legislation. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE support for SB-27

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- **Governor Gavin Newsom**, c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841

In April, the California Senate Committees on Environmental Quality and Natural Resources and Water approved SB-69, the Ocean Resiliency Act, which increases ocean protections in the state. This bill is now with the Senate Appropriations Committee. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE swift positive action on SB-69 by the Senate Appropriations Committee

- **California Senate Appropriations Committee**, State Capitol, Room 2206, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 651-4101

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From Postcards to California: "In the coming weeks, the California State Senate will vote on SB-307 to stop the Trump administration's deregulation of Cadiz, Inc., a water mining company that wants to extract and sell 16 billion gallons of groundwater each year from beneath Mojave Trails National Monument, one of the driest places in North America. It's a ridiculous plan that jeopardizes the desert's national parks and monuments, Native American sacred sites, and wildlife that depend on the water. The Trump administration, with Cadiz's former lobbyist David Bernhardt now Interior Secretary, eliminated the required federal review of the project in order to silence federal scientists who don't support the project.... [SB 307] would subject the Cadiz project to review and permitting by the State government, restoring safeguards. Specifically, SB 307 would authorize the State Lands Commission and other agencies to ensure water extraction doesn't adversely impact natural and cultural resources. Please take quick action today to let Senator Atkins know you support SB307." SB-307 is currently with the California Senate Appropriations Committee. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

ADVOCATE for our state's wildlands and **OPPOSE** water extraction in the Mojave Desert

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The Republican administration is attempting to take food from the poor by limiting food aid to just three months for folks who can't get work (unemployed and underemployed people without dependent children). In response East Bay Assemblymember Buffy Wicks has introduced AB-1022, which would provide a state funded nutrition benefit for CalFresh recipients hurt by the time limit. This legislation has made it through the Assembly's Human Services Committee and is now with the Appropriations Committee. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

SPEAK OUT for the hungry and **URGE** support for AB-1022

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From the *Los Angeles Times* Via Postcards to California: "Californians convicted of serious alcohol-related crimes would lose their firearms for 10 years under legislation proposed Wednesday by state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara). Jackson's bill [SB-55] is the latest of a string of gun-control measures proposed after last month's mass shooting at a

Thousand Oaks bar in which 12 people were killed. Jackson said her bill is based on the findings of a 2017 UC Davis study that found prior convictions for crimes involving alcohol were associated with up to a fivefold increase in the likelihood of arrest for serious offenses including those involving guns.” SB-55 is currently with the California Senate Appropriations Committee. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

TELL the Senate Appropriations Committee that guns and alcohol don’t mix and **ASK** for quick action on SB-55

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AB-61 would expand the categories of people allowed to file for a gun violence restraining order. Currently the law only allows for law enforcement and close family members to apply for these restraining orders. Under AB-61 employers, co-workers and employees of schools/colleges attended by the person in question within the previous six months could also apply for these restraining orders. AB-61 has made it through committee and is eligible for consideration by the full Assembly. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE support for AB-61

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California’s SB-24 would require on-campus student health centers at public colleges and universities to offer abortion by medication techniques. Research shows that some 500 students a month seek medication abortion each month. The procedure requires two office visits and more than two-thirds of University of California (UC) students and one-third of California State University (CSU) students don’t have a car, and half of the student body qualifies as low income. At 22 campuses, the nearest abortion provider is more than 30-minutes away on public transit. At CSU Stanislaus, the trip on public transit takes 92 minutes. SB-24 has made it through the California Senate Education Committee and is now with the Appropriations Committee. This legislation was passed by the legislature last year, then vetoed by Governor Brown. (Write-up 5/3/2019)

URGE support for SB-24

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