



Model Letter to Request a Meeting with Your Council Member

Date _____

Name and Address of Council member's scheduler _____

Dear _____,

As one of your constituents, I would like to request a meeting with you to work with me and others in our community to introduce a resolution that supports passage of CalCare California Guaranteed Health Care for All (AB 1400) in the California State Assembly and the Medicare for All Act in the U.S. Congress.

In introducing a resolution, you would be joining council members in many cities and towns across the state of California and the country who have taken a stand in demanding that health care should be a human right.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing even further strain on already strapped municipal budgets across our state. Even before the pandemic, local governments were already providing the front-line response for community members who fall into poverty due to medical debt-related bankruptcies or experience deteriorating health due to a lack of adequate health insurance.

Both CalCare (AB 1400) and the Medicare for All Act would guarantee comprehensive and quality care for all, without copays, deductibles or out-of-pocket costs. No Californian would be denied care or forced to use an emergency room because they lack health coverage, and no one will be forced into poverty due to a health crisis.

Now, with tens of millions of Americans at risk of losing their employer-based health insurance along with their jobs as a result of the pandemic, the case for the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act and Medicare for All couldn't be more urgent.

Municipal leaders like you are in a strong position to urge our state and federal legislators to support a Medicare for All system that would be fairer for your constituents and that would generate needed savings for our municipal budget. The skyrocketing cost of private insurance premiums for municipal employees is already draining local government budgets of the resources they will need to build more resilient communities in the years to come.

I'd love to speak with you on the phone or by Zoom to talk about this important issue. When would be a good time for you? Kindly respond to my either by phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx or by e-mail ____@____.____.

Thank you so much for considering this and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
