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RE: SB 562 (LARA and ATKINS) – SUPPORT

Patricia Dudley
Secretary

Dear Senator Lara:
The Peralta Retirees Organization strongly supports SB 562 (Lara/Atkins),
The Healthy California Act.

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When enacted, the Healthy California Act will guarantee that every resident of California will receive comprehensive healthcare services. It's like Medicare for All. Individuals will have free choice of licensed health professionals and services. Covered benefits will include services to keep people healthy—mentally and physically— as well as services that diagnose and treat diseases. In addition to emergency services, surgeries and hospital stays, services such as home healthcare, day care and hospice are covered. Vision and dental care are also included. The Healthy California Act has been crafted to provide a single high standard of safe, therapeutic care for all California residents in a manner that is financially sustainable. The advances from the Affordable Care Act will be folded into the new system and it will lower prescription drug costs. There will be huge cost-savings from reduced bureaucracy. No more insurance company runaround. No more bill collectors.

The Healthy California Act will create a system that will serve all Californians equitably, efficiently, and affordably.

Members of our organization are retired faculty, staff, administrators and trustees who worked for the Peralta Community College District in northern Alameda County. Most of our members are on Medicare already, but we recognize that the benefits we enjoy on Medicare should be available to all Californians. We know that many of the students we worked with in Peralta need access to affordable, high quality health care if they are to succeed in their studies and careers.

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