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Aloha GET Committee,

Please accept this correspondence as testimony in support of a path for Hawaii to Medicare For All.

The first thing people can support is funding the Hawaii Health Authority. This entity exists and simply needs to be funded to implement streamlining pay codes and administrative obligations so ASR's can spend their time treating patients rather than trying to get paid by the duplicitous insurance industry.

The second thing the state can do is self fund the EUTF (retirement and state employee medical benefits) and Medicaid functions of the state. The state could realize savings of \$250-\$500million annually by removing the insurance industry's extraction behavior taking millions in profits from state coffers.

It's time to pull back the veil and reveal the relationships and follow the money. We could reduce prescription drug prices and cover everyone in the state and remove the employer mandate, from which the state absolves itself.

Mahalo,

Representative Tina Wildberger

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