



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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Honorable Assembly Member Ash Kalra  
1021 O Street, Suite 4610  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 2200 (Kalra) Guaranteed Health Care for All Act (CalCare) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Kalra:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support AB 2200, CalCare.

This bill will eventually set up a single-payer health care system in California. It will be accessible to all residents of the state regardless of citizenship. It is comprehensive, including primary and preventive care, hospital and outpatient services, prescription drugs, dental, vision, audiology, reproductive health services, newborn and maternity care, gender-affirming care, long-term services and support, mental health and substance abuse treatment, etc.

While the Peace and Freedom Party has promoted and worked for a universal, comprehensive, high quality, health care system since 1969 when it founded the Long Beach Free Clinic, it was not until the 1994 ballot initiative that the party switched their energy to a single payer health care system and insisted that it not include co-pays and deductibles. We understand that by eliminating the administrative costs, involved with multi-payer systems of payments and record keeping as well as the excessive profits generated, the costs of health care will be reduced by 25% to 35%. However, costs reductions should not be secured by providing less expensive services and generic drugs.

We have supported every single-payer health care bill that has been introduced in the State Legislature. Our concern with AB 2200 is the delay in the implementation of the bill. Waiting for a fully funded single payer system to be put in place will take years. We would prefer that some aspects of a single-payer system be conducted as soon as enough funding becomes available to cover all residents. However, if passed, we know that it will eventually be implemented.

For these reasons, the Peace and Freedom Party supports AB 2200. For additional information about our position on this bill, please contact John Reiger at (916) 207-4595 (mobile) or [reigers@earthlink.net](mailto:reigers@earthlink.net), or C. T. Weber at (916) 320-9186 (mobile) or [CTWeberVoters@att.net](mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net).

Sincerely,

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