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Legislative Committee

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Honorable Assemblywoman Pilar Schiavo

1021 O Street, Suite 4140

Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AJR 3 (Schiavo) - Valuing Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid - Support

Dear Assemblywoman Schiavo:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support AJR 3. Peace and Freedom Party, organized in 1967, is California's only ballot qualified feminist-socialist party. We are an active member of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA).

We want to send a strong message to California's Congressional delegation and the White House that Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are fundamental to the people of California and in fact the whole nation. We have paid into these programs, depend on them, and no one should cut these programs or their staff which are necessary to run them.

Over six million Californians receive monthly monetary and health benefits that prevent or lessen poverty. While we would like to see a guaranteed income for everyone, we also know that it is important to maintain and expand what we have. In the meantime, we call for Congress to scrap the cap. Medicare ensures that retirees and people with disabilities are covered for much of their medical needs. However, because of Advantage programs which have been somewhat privatized, meaning that much of the money is being used for overhead costs and profits, and ACO REACH, which allows for the removal of regular Medicare members and putting them into private health plans without the members knowing about it. Together these plans are to siphon money from Medicare and give it to private health programs which reduce the amount of money for Medicare. Congress is discussing proposals that would increase health care costs. Medicaid/Medi-Cal is the only source of healthcare for roughly 15,000,000 Californians.

Congressional proposals would slash up to a million seniors and people with disabilities who rely on In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) from current services programs. Of course, we see that a universal, comprehensive, single payer health care system with no co-pays and no deductibles as the answer to California's health care needs, we recognize that we must maintain what we currently have.

For these reasons and others, the Peace and Freedom Party supports AJR 3. For more information on our position of support please contact me, C. T. Weber at CTWeberVoters@att.net or John Reiger at reigers@earthlink.net.

Sincerely,

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