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Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon

Subject: Prioritizing legislation and the function of the Assembly

Dear Speaker Rendon,

Your decision to shelve the Healthy California act has relieved many, but has given concern to many more. In fact, recent surveys by reputable groups put the percentage of Californians who support some form of single payer healthcare at seventy percent (70%). It is undeniable that the legislation will not be simplistic and it will not be easily passed. To a person, every Republican in the Legislature were also relieved to be told you had shelved it.

When so many members of a party seen as willing to sell tax breaks to wealthy contributors are in favor of an act performed by a Democrat, it is easy to see how hot headed and disaffected young people view your action as less than honorable.

That is not our position.

The Mountain Bears Democratic Club wants to see the members of the Assembly treat this particular piece of legislation with the urgency and thoroughness expected of a nascent law that might literally save our lives. None of us are members of a financial elite. We are either still hard working members of the middle to lower class or we have retired, and thus at the mercy of the Party currently in control of all three branches of our Federal Government. Their obvious effort to pander to lobbyists from the pharmaceutical industry and the health 'management' industry is disgusting. Their attempts to grant gold-plated tax relief to the extraordinarily wealthy is even more so.

California is known for facing the harsh realities of the modern world with ingenuity and courage. So are California Democrats. That may be why you are being bombarded with criticism for simply putting a difficult problem

aside, even for a short while. Getting the bill on the ballot is NOT the priority. Reaching the position of having a Healthy California is the goal. The task of the Assembly is to take SB 562 and either build it into such a piece of legislation or re-write it to become such a law. Your task, to regain your once lofty reputation as a hard working and intelligent Assembly person, is to bring HB 562 back to the Assembly, roll up your sleeves and demand that of the others there, and get that bill ready for the Governor's signature.

Sincerely,
(Signed)
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