Caucus Resolution March 2018

Whereas,
- the U.S. spends on average twice as much per capita on healthcare as other industrialized nations, and ranks 36th in worldwide health outcomes,
- 31% of U.S. health care dollars go to administration of a fragmented multi-payer insurance model,
- Multi-payer health insurances made up of numerous small risk pools - e.g., high-risk pool, reinsurance and the so-called "public option" - all drive up premiums and administrative costs,
- A large risk pool public payer insurance has the economy of scale to reduce premiums and negotiate global budgets and bulk drug/equipment rates, while providing $400 B+ in annual administrative cost savings,
- Reasonable progressive taxation pays for health coverage that is there when needed, and
- Improved Medicare-for-All eliminates medical bankruptcies, redundant health coverages (e.g., Auto), out-of-pocket costs, & the need for means testing or repeated coverage applications.

Therefore,

Proposed Resolution

We endorse single public-payer health insurance to provide life-long coverage centered around health care, not private enterprise. Only a Medicare-for-All model permits full choice of providers/hospitals and provides large single-risk-pool coverage that is cost-sustainable – vs. multiple commercial insurances that shift cost and risk to the insured. Only a Medicare-for-All model can provide health coverage for all, while boosting the entire economy.

Whereas, the Democratic Party Precinct #_____ in _____ County endorses cost-effective single-risk-pool health coverage with a single national public payer,
Therefore, we resolve that the _____ County Democratic Party Platform should include the above Single Public Payer Resolution and that it should also be included in the Colorado State Democratic Party Platform and, simultaneously, both Platforms should be edited wherever necessary to conform to this current opinion.
Precinct #_____ County _____ Votes for_____ Votes against _____ March 6, 2018