

Patients Over Profits Pledge Resolution

Whereas, the current U.S. healthcare system leaves nearly 30 million people without any healthcare access and over 40 million Americans are not receiving the medical care recommended for them due to high cost and high insurance deductibles, causing a decrease in U.S. life expectancy.

And Whereas, since 1998, the private healthcare industry has spent more than \$11.4 billion on lobbying and, over the last 30 years, has spent more than \$1.8 billion on direct campaign contributions to get Congress to do its bidding.

And Whereas, health insurance, pharmaceuticals, and for-profit hospitals through their front group, *The Partnership for America's Healthcare Future*, are using their vast wealth to prevent any meaningful healthcare reform

And Whereas, wall street investors are increasingly privatizing programs including Traditional Medicare and Medicaid, intended to be public and not for profit.

And Whereas, the **Patients Over Profits Pledge**, promoted by *National Nurses United*, the nation's largest union of nurses, reads in part: "I pledge to put patients over profits and not take contributions over \$200 from the executives, lobbyists, and PACs affiliated with the corporate health care industry, including private insurers, pharma corporations, and private hospitals"
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Therefore BE IT RESOLVED, That the Arizona Democratic Party reconfirms its support of universal access to comprehensive, affordable, high-quality health care through Single-Payer National Health insurance known as Improved Medicare for All as well as single-payer legislation at the level of the states as previously affirmed in the ADP resolutions of May 20, 2017, and April 13, 2019.

Therefore BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party calls on all Democratic candidates running for office in Arizona to sign the **Patients Over Profits Pledge**, (1) thereby refusing funds from the corporate healthcare industry.

Therefore BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a letter from the ADP Chair on behalf of our ADP Executive Board be sent to all Arizona Democratic candidates, running in the 2024 election cycle, informing them of the adoption of this resolution.

(1) PatientsOverProfits.org

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