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Title: Single Payer National Health Insurance
Introduced by: Larry Junck, MD, for the Washtenaw County Delegation
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Referred to: Reference Committee B
House Action: Disapproved.

Whereas, over 50 million citizens in this country presently lack insurance, causing them to forego care, to receive care in expensive and inappropriate settings, or to receive care only at an advanced stage of disease, and

Whereas, nearly all advanced countries have a well-functioning single payer system that is embraced by its citizens, and

Whereas, Medicare is a single payer system that receives high satisfaction ratings from patients yet has much lower administrative costs than private payers, and

Whereas, a single payer system has advantages to medical practices including simplicity for billing and administration, and

Whereas, a single payer system preserves existing doctor-patient relationships and is not “socialized medicine”, and

Whereas, a single payer system can help American businesses to be more competitive by eliminating their involvement in paying for health care for their employees, and

Whereas, a single payer system would be free from legal challenges like those concerning the “individual mandate” of the Affordable Care Act, and

Whereas, a single payer system provides the opportunity to improve medical care according to themes of the MSMS Future of Medicine report, including “Universal Coverage”, “Prevention and Wellness”, and “Partnering with Patients”; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS support the adoption of a single payer national health insurance system in the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS explore opportunities to partner with other organizations to lobby for a single payer national health insurance system.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE