



April 10, 2026

The Honorable Assemblymember Mia Bonta  
Chair, Assembly Health Committee  
1021 N Street, Suite 390  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT – AB 1900 (Kalra), CalCare**

Dear Chair Bonta,

The San Benito County Democratic Central Committee writes in strong support of Assembly Bill 1900 (Kalra), the Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, which would establish a single-payer health care system in California known as CalCare. This legislation would guarantee high-quality, comprehensive health care to every California resident.

In communities like San Benito County, access to affordable health care remains a persistent challenge. Many residents commute long distances for work, rely on a mix of employer-based and public coverage, or fall into gaps where care is delayed or avoided due to cost. Even for those with insurance, rising premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses create ongoing financial strain and uncertainty.

Access to an insurance plan is not the same as guaranteed access to care. Our current system leaves too many people making difficult decisions about when and whether to seek treatment. It also places increasing pressure on small businesses, working families, and local economies that are already navigating rising costs in other areas of daily life.

AB 1900 establishes a framework for a more streamlined and equitable system—one that removes financial barriers to care and simplifies how health services are paid for and delivered. By reducing administrative complexity and aligning spending more directly with patient care, CalCare has the potential to improve access while addressing long-term cost pressures.

A system that ensures care is available when people need it—without fear of financial hardship—would strengthen both public health and economic stability. It would also provide greater continuity of care for individuals and families whose coverage is currently tied to employment or subject to frequent change.

This position reflects a vote of the San Benito County Democratic Central Committee.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your AYE vote on AB 1900 when it comes before you in committee.

Sincerely,  
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