



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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March 10, 2024

Honorable Assembly Member Bill Essayli  
1021 O Street, Suite 4520  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1783 (Essayli) - Health Care: Immigration - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Essayli:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to oppose AB 1783. Although you have only provided intent language it is clear that the intent of this bill is not in the best interests of the people of California regardless of their documented status.

To deny medical services to any person in this state is certain to jeopardize the health of everyone in the state. Communicable illnesses do not care about the citizenship status of the people they infect. To have ill people wandering around without medical care, and possibly infecting others, is a recipe for an epidemic. To deny needed medical care to people based on their citizenship status is a heartless, un-American act.

The financial data used in the bill is not accurate since our current Medi-Cal program is partly funded and governed by the federal Medicaid program. Even if the health care this bill would deny does impose a fiscal cost on the state of California, it is public health money well spent to keep everyone healthy. Disease knows no boundaries. Wording this proposed legislation as a fiscal matter hides its danger to public health.

The Peace and Freedom Party wants free, high quality health care with no exceptions and no deductibles, in California and in the whole country, regardless of immigration status. Providing it with a single-payer plan would reduce health care costs in America. We also support a clear path to citizenship for all refugees.

For these reasons we oppose AB 1783. To discuss our position on AB 1783 further, please contact me at 916-207-4595 (mobile) or reigers@earthlink.net, or our Legislative Liaison, C.T. Weber, at ctwebervoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

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