



January 6, 2022

The Honorable Jim Wood, Chair
Assembly Health Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE - AB 1400 (Kalra) – Universal Health Care

Dear Chairman Wood:

On behalf NFIB, with approximately 15,000 small business members in California, we are writing in opposition of AB 1400 (Kalra), which establishes a state-run universal health care system.

AB 1400, combined with ACA 11 that imposes taxes to pay for government-run health care, would cost taxpayers nearly \$200 billion a year in higher taxes on jobs, income, services, and more – all for an untested new health system in the middle of a pandemic.

The cost of health care coverage has been the number one issue of small-business owners for 30 consecutive years and for just as long we have been making suggestions as to how to reduce those costs because when you reduce cost you increase coverage. We don't need a government run system that will unavoidably lead to long waits for health care while draining business of more tax money.

What already fragile and frightened small employers need during – and following - this terrible pandemic era is certainty and a pathway to recovery. AB 1400 will take Main Street job creators and all Californians in the exact opposite direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

John Kabateck, NFIB, CA Director