



Model Letter to Request a Meeting with Your Council Member

Date

Name and Address of Council member's scheduler

Dear _____,

As one of your constituents, I would like to request a meeting with you to work with me and others in our community to introduce a resolution that supports passage of the Medicare for All Act of 2019 in the U.S. Congress [and state-level single-payer initiative, if applicable].

In introducing a resolution, you would be joining council members in many cities and towns across the country, as well as state legislators who are taking similar actions.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing even further strain on already strapped municipal budgets across the country. Even before the pandemic, local governments were already providing the front-line response for community members who fall into poverty due to medical debt-related bankruptcies or experience deteriorating health due to a lack of adequate health insurance.

The Medicare for All Act of 2019 guarantees comprehensive and quality care for all, without copays, deductibles or out-of-pocket costs. No one can be denied care or forced to use an emergency room because s/he has no doctor or coverage, and no one will be forced into poverty due to a health crisis.

Now, with tens of millions of Americans at risk of losing their employer-based health insurance along with their jobs as a result of the pandemic, the case for Medicare for All couldn't be more urgent.

Municipal leaders like you are in a strong position to urge state and federal legislators to support a Medicare for All system that would be fairer for your constituents and that would generate needed savings for our municipal budget. The skyrocketing cost of private insurance premiums for municipal employees is already draining local government budgets of the resources they will need to build more resilient communities in the years to come.

I'd love to speak with you on the phone or by Zoom to talk about this important issue. When would be a good time for you? Kindly respond to my either by phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx or by e-mail ____@____.____.

Thank you so much for considering this and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
