This petition requests that the Senate and the Assembly move S2078/A5389 to the floor of the full Senate and Assembly respectively, to allow for a vote on this healthcare proposal that is so vital to the health and well being of all New Yorkers.

The *New York Health* bill, S. 2078 and A. 5389-A, currently pending in the NYS Legislature, is the only option offering a universal health care alternative that has the best, expanded health coverage at significantly less cost than the one proposed in the Affordable Care Act. *New York Health* offers high quality, comprehensive health care for all New Yorkers, with access to medical services and providers of their choice, without regard to age, income, existing health conditions or employment.

A cost benefit analysis of possible New York State sponsored health insurance programs found that only *New York Health's* publicly funded, single payer system would improve the quality of health care delivery, provide comprehensive healthcare for all New Yorkers and reduce NYS healthcare spending by $20 billion annually by 2019. *New York Health* would ensure additional savings by eliminating the estimated 30% of unnecessary expense currently generated by the private health insurance industry, with their excessive executive compensation, high administrative overhead, and profit-driven policies and operation. There is no place for profiteering in healthcare.

In adopting the *New York Health* single payer plan, New York would be joining with other states, such as Montana, Vermont, Maryland, Oregon, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and California to develop a universal health care alternative with better health coverage at significantly less cost for the greatest number of people.

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