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Dear Senator:

I am a constituent and an employer in your district and **OPPOSE** **SB 562 (LARA** and **ATKINS)** that seeks to establish a $400 Billion government-run universal single payer health care bureaucracy that is paid for in large part by employers and will result in significant California job losses.

The State Senate estimates **SB 562** will cost at least $400 Billion per year, with a minimum of $50-$100 Billion in new payroll taxes with no cap on the wages subject to the new tax. Though the financing mechanism for this measure has not yet been specified, past legislative attempts at government run health care have proposed major increases in payroll and income taxes on businesses and individuals. Payroll tax increases would lead to thousands of job layoffs as existing business and employers would be forced to cut costs in order to meet the new tax burdens caused by **SB 562**. As a result of this bill, California would have the highest state taxes in the United States, forcing business to relocate out-of-state.

Universal government-run health care system funds must compete with other claims on government funding, such as education, welfare, water, transportation and infrastructure. With limited public funds, whatever the government can’t pay for will be on the backs of employers and employees. California should not impose such an unfair burden on California employers, which hinders my ability to fairly compete in the marketplace, whether that is in California or other states and globally.

I believe that you, as my elected representative, should instead focus on positive changes to reduce the cost of health care services, reduce the costs to doing business in California, and OPPOSE adding a new $400 Billion government dispensed universal single payer health care programs that will burden the remaining business in California.

Please vote **“NO”** on **SB 562 (LARA** and **ATKINS) each time it comes before you for a vote**.