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Richmond, CA 94804

September 19, 2017

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Contra Costa County
315 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Regarding Agenda Item #C-18

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

On behalf of the Multi-faith ACTION Coalition, I am writing to support the resolution originating from the Contra Costa County Legislation Committee to formalize Contra Costa County's support of the Affordable Care Act as well as oppose any repeal efforts or reduction of Medicaid and Medicare by the Federal Government.

As you know, our Coalition is made up of congregations and members of faith organizations who have joined together to be voices for those living in poverty in Contra Costa County. *We are a Multi-faith coalition of Contra Costa County residents working together to address the root causes of poverty through advocacy and public policy change. Our shared values and our experiences as faith groups providing food, shelter and other services make us strong voices for those in need.*

We have as one of our mission statements a belief that access to quality and safe health care services is a **basic human right**. Our intent is to work with providers of care, elected representatives, government officials and members of the community to realize this mission. As stated in the resolution background, Contra Costa has benefitted greatly from ACA and the Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE). **A reduction or loss to the program would severely negatively impact our County's public health infrastructure and reduce access to health care.**

Thus, we urge you to adopt the Resolution in support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melody Howe Weintraub".

Melody Howe Weintraub
Chair, Steering Committee
Multi-faith ACTION Coalition