

1                                   **Washington Health Security Trust,**  
2                                   **a Single Payer Healthcare Plan for Washington**  
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4   **WHEREAS** we, the citizens of the United States, pay twice as much for healthcare as the  
5 other industrialized countries, yet are less healthy than our peer nations, suffering from  
6 more heart disease and chronic conditions, shorter life expectancy and higher infant  
7 mortality;  
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9   **WHEREAS** the newly enacted Affordable Care Act (ACA), intended to lessen our  
10 healthcare spending and improve our health outcomes, fails to ensure that all residents  
11 of the state can be insured at a price they can afford;  
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13   **WHEREAS** HB 1025 and SB 5132 have been introduced in the Washington State  
14 Legislature to create a Washington Health Security Trust (WHST), a single-payer  
15 system to cover all Washingtonians for medical, dental, and mental health care, and  
16 vision;  
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18   **WHEREAS** in 2017, the federal government will grant innovation waivers to those  
19 states that can prove their healthcare plan is as good or better than the ACA;  
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21   **WHEREAS**, as a single-payer system, the WHST would provide equal care to all  
22 Washington residents and would allow patients to freely choose their doctors;  
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24   **WHEREAS**, the WHST would provide savings and efficiencies, including reducing  
25 administrative costs and unreimbursed care and the social costs of personal injury  
26 lawsuits and bankruptcy;  
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28   **WHEREAS** the WHST could rationalize healthcare spending through mechanisms such  
29 as global budgets for hospitals and negotiated drug prices;  
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31   **WHEREAS** the WHST would facilitate health planning, directing capital funds to build  
32 and expand health facilities where they are needed, rather than being driven by the  
33 dictates of the market, thereby improving health outcomes for currently underserved  
34 communities; and  
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36   **WHEREAS** the WHST could ameliorate the current disparities in reimbursement rates  
37 to healthcare systems in the rural and urban areas of Washington;  
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39   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democrats, urge our  
40 legislative delegation to support the Washington Health Security Trust bills (SB 5132  
41 and HB 1025) in the 2015 legislative session.  
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44 Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted  
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50 Olympia.

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