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Realities Coalition Adds 50th Member

Broad based coalition sees continued growth representing diverse interests

Opposition to a government-run, single payer healthcare system in New York State continues to grow. Recognizing the potential adverse impact the New York Health Act (A.5248/S.3577) would have on businesses and their employees, the Food Industry Alliance (FIA) of New York State becomes the 50th member of the Realities of Single Payer coalition. They join other recent additions including Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State LLC, New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association.

The Food Industry Alliance is the only statewide trade association in New York representing the full spectrum of the grocery industry, from independent stores to supermarket chains, convenience stores and wholesalers. The members of the FIA share the concern that the NYHA will only increase costs.

“While the idea of affordable universal access to quality healthcare is laudable, the New York Health Act is anything but,” said Mike Durant, President and CEO of the Food Industry Alliance. “The price tag of this legislation would nearly double the current state budget and impose significant new taxes on businesses, including the retail food industry. Our members are an integral component to every local economy in this state. Implementing this unaffordable legislation will simply upend our state’s economy. Albany should focus on measures that expand healthcare options at a reduced cost.”

New York State would need to raise taxes by \$250 billion+ to pay for the New York Health Act, doubling the current State budget and necessitating the single largest state tax increase in U.S. history.

Members of the Realities of Single Payer are committed to ensuring access to high-quality and affordable health care for all New Yorkers and have joined together to educate the public about the consequences that a single payer health care system would have on both individuals and businesses in New York State.

Find the full list of coalition members [here](#).

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About Realities of Single Payer

Realities of Single Payer is a coalition of organizations united in support of universal coverage but in opposition to legislation that would create a Single Payer Healthcare System in New York.

The group supports universal healthcare coverage for all New Yorkers. It believes healthcare coverage should be provided through a combination of private and government funded health insurance. We support allowing a variety of healthcare coverage options – employer-based, private and public health insurance programs – rather than forcing all New Yorkers to use a single government-run health insurance program.

The goal of Realities of Single Payer is to provide accurate information on this critical healthcare issue.

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