



Candidate Survey Reveals Single Payer Improved Medicare for All Champions and Supporters

Recently, the Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care and Indivisible Colorado's Health Action Team paired up to invite candidates for office to take a health care finance survey and scored them on their responses. Those who participated and answered questions with the highest level of support for Single Payer Improved Medicare for All (SPIMFA) at both federal and state level scored as **Champions (bold print below)**. The remaining participants who are listed below are supportive of SPIMFA at the federal and/or state level.

Please note candidates may not appear on this list if they did not participate in the survey. If a candidate who seeks to represent you does not appear on this list, reach out to them and ask about their health care policy position. All candidates know this issue is important to all voters. The following is the list of **champion/supportive** candidates. FYI, please note the survey itself at the end of the list of candidates. Click the links in the survey to learn more.

United States Senate:

Andrew Romanoff

United States House of Representatives:

CD1 **Charlie Winters**
CD2 **Joe Neguse**
CD4 **Ike McCorkle**
CD5 Jillian Freeland
CD 6 Jaimie Kulikowski

Colorado House:

HD 03 Meg Froelich
HD 06 Nathan Adams
HD 06 **Steven Woodrow**
HD 07 **Bernard Douthit**
HD 07 Simon Maghakyan
HD 09 **Emily Sirota (Sponsor HB19-1176)**
HD 11 **Karen McCormick**
HD 12 **Tracey Barnett**
HD 13 Judy Amabile
HD 15 John Pyne IV
HD 16 **Stephanie Vigil**
HD 20 Megan Fossinger
HD 21 Liz Rosenbaum
HD 22 **Gabriel McArthur**
HD 27 Brianna Titone
HD 29 **Amber Hott**
HD 33 Amitai Gross
HD 40 **Naquetta Ricks**
HD 40 **John Ronquillo**
HD 41 Robert Andrews
HD 41 Maya Wheeler
HD 45 **Katie Barrett**
HD 48 **Holly Herson**
HD 49 Yara Zokaie
HD 52 Cathy Kipp
HD 54 AliceMarie Slaven-Emond
HD 56 **Giugi Carminati**
HD 57 **Colin Wilhelm**
HD 60 **Lori Boydston**
HD 63 **Geneiveve Schneider**

Colorado Senate:

SD 10 **Randal McCallian**
SD 12 **Electra Johnson**
SD 17 **Sonya Jaquez Lewis (Sponsor HB19-1176)**
SD 19 Rachel Zenzinger
SD 23 **Sally Boccella**
SD 23 **Galina Nicoll**
SD 25 **Paula Dickerson**
SD 31 Maria Orms
SD 35 Carlos Lopez

County Commissioners:

Archuleta, District 1 June Marquez
Boulder, District 1 Claire Levy
Boulder, District 2 **Marta Loachamin**
Boulder, District 2 **Jonathan Singer**
Conejos, District 3 Larry Zaragoza
Douglas, District 3 Darien Wilson
Eagle, District 1 Matt Scherr
El Paso, District 3 **Kenneth Schauer**
Garfield, District 3 Leslie Robinson
Gilpin, District 3 Sandy Hollingsworth
Gilpin, District 1 Ronald Engels
Grand, District 2 Shanna Ganne
Huerfano, District 2 **Carl Kenemer**
Jefferson, District 2 **Andy Kerr**
Lake, District 3 Jeffrey Fiedler
Larimer, District 2 **Kristin Stephens**
Larimer, District 3 **Myles Baker**
Larimer, District 3 **Jody ShaddockMcNally**
Mesa, District 1 Kathryn Bedell
San Miguel, District 3 **Kris Holstrom**
Summit, District 3 Jon Gray-Ginsberg
Weld, At Large **Paul Echternacht**

CU Regent:

District 2 **David Gross**
District 2 **Callie Rennison**
District 2 **Aaron Harber**

State Board of Education:

District 1 Valentina Flores
District 3 **Mayling Simpson**

RTD Director:

District A Kate Williams

District Attorney

District 2 Beth McCann

Fire District Director

Limon Area **William Breneman**

Park and Recreation District

Crown Mountain Stevens Loomis

Larimer County Health District

Erin Hottenstein

Metro District

La Plata Forest Lakes **Shauna Unger**

Ambulance District

Trinidad Director Henry Hart

Title: Health Care Finance Survey

For the purposes of this survey the following definitions apply:

Single Payer Improved Medicare for All (SPIMFA) (<http://bit.ly/2Sbe4I5>) is a health care finance system in which the providers are in business for themselves, patients may choose their providers, and premiums are collected through taxes. *Improved Medicare for All* means that coverage is expanded to cover more services (such as behavioral health, vision, dental, and hearing coverage), regulate drug prices and eliminate the need for supplemental or gap insurance because deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance are eliminated. Examples include S.1129 Medicare for All (<http://bit.ly/2GJ2oHk>), sponsored by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, and H.R.1384 (<http://bit.ly/2Ues8Dr>), sponsored by U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal.

Medicare for Some is a finance system that would provide consumers with a way to buy into Medicare before they turn age 65. Examples are Medicare X (<http://bit.ly/2uW1ZhY>), Sponsored by U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and Tim Kaine or Choose Medicare (<http://bit.ly/2GNefUF>), sponsored by U.S. Senators Chris Murphy, Dianne Feinstein, and Jeff Merkley.

For more information and recent news, see the following links/websites: <http://bit.ly/2ucvZWW> , <https://reut.rs/391GVowW>

1) HB 1176 The Health Care Cost Savings Act of 2019 (<http://bit.ly/2SfwnvG>)

passed the Colorado Legislature with bipartisan support. It created a task force to study health care finance systems in order to determine which would be the most cost efficient and equitable way to pay for health care in Colorado. The report is due Sep 1, 2021. How likely are you to support acting on the evidence the study finds?

- a) Very likely to support acting on the evidence reported by the task force
- b) Somewhat likely to support acting on the evidence reported by the task force
- c) Undecided
- d) Somewhat likely to oppose acting on the evidence reported by the task force
- e) Very likely to oppose acting on the evidence reported by the task force

2) Warren Buffett said in May 2017, “Medical costs are the tapeworm of American economic competitiveness”. The high cost and complexity of health insurance is a huge burden on American business and leaves them at a competitive disadvantage in the global marketplace. How likely are you to address this economic and administrative burden on American business by supporting Single Payer Improved Medicare for All which eliminates employer-based insurance?

- a) Very likely to support SPIMFA, thereby eliminating employer-based insurance
- b) Somewhat likely to support SPIMFA, thereby eliminating employer-based insurance
- c) Undecided
- d) Somewhat likely to oppose SPIMFA, thereby eliminating employer-based insurance
- e) Very likely to oppose SPIMFA and eliminating employer-based insurance

3) “Of all of the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.” - Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2019, there were 22 hospitals in rural Colorado (<http://bit.ly/2vKfpy3>) operating at a deficit while Denver Metro Area hospitals earned over \$2 billion in profits (<http://bit.ly/2GNgeIB>). A SPIMFA finance system would remove the incentive for profits, which is the main driver behind this inequity between urban and rural hospitals, among other factors (e.g. due to age and race). SPIMFA would include global budgeting for hospitals and incentives for health care professionals to work in underserved areas. How likely are you to support a SPIMFA finance system designed to address disparities in access to health care in Colorado?

- a) Very likely to support a SPIMFA health care finance system
- b) Somewhat likely to support a SPIMFA health care finance system
- c) Undecided
- d) Somewhat likely to oppose a SPIMFA health care finance system
- e) Very likely to oppose SPIMFA health care finance system

4) Would you support a Colorado state-wide version of Single Payer Improved Medicare for All health care finance system?

- a) Very likely to support
- b) Somewhat likely to support
- c) Undecided
- d) Somewhat likely to oppose
- e) Very likely to oppose

5) Would you support a national Single Payer Improved Medicare for All health care finance system

- a) Very likely to support
- b) Somewhat likely to support
- c) Undecided
- d) Somewhat likely to oppose
- e) Very likely to oppose

6) What actions would you take as an elected official to provide simple, affordable health care for all for life?

- a) Support legislation to create Single Payer Improved Medicare for all (SPIMFA) at the state level
- b) Support legislation to create SPIMFA at the national level
- c) Support a local resolution to urge federal officials to create SPIMFA at the national level
- d) Support a local resolution to urge state officials to create SPIMFA at the state level
- e) Support a ballot initiative to create SPIMFA at the state level
- f) Support legislation to regulate insurance companies nationally so that affordable insurance is available to everyone.