



CARA Alert – May 29, 2017

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CARA STATEWIDE LOBBY DAY – A HUGE SUCCESS YES on SB 562 and AB 796!

Thanks to the 200+ CARA and CICA members who participated in the lobby day on May 25th. We had a great day (even with a few logistical glitches). The weather was great, spirits were high, the dancing fabulous, and we really took over the Capitol. 32 lobby teams, led by fabulous CARA/CICA leaders, successfully visited over 112 offices (a few offices were locked) and talked with each office about SB 562 (Healthy CA Act) and AB 796 (increasing SSI). Our FLASH MOB made it on two 6pm Sacramento news stations, and while we were there, SB 562 passed out of Senate Appropriations! Not bad for a days work, right?

Many thanks to our partners who helped prepare us for our visits – Michael Lighty from CNA, Jared McCleary from CA Partnership, and Mike Herald from the Western Center. A shout out goes to Assemblymember David Chiu (SF) who welcomed us and arranged for the permits so we could have our rally at the Capitol. Days like May 25th really prove why CARA Rocks. But we must keep the pressure on these bills – and our eyes on the budget negotiations happening this week. Our work is not over.

SHOW CONGRESS THAT CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Sign the Petition/Collect Signatures

CARA continues to fight efforts to cut and privatize our country's most essential and popular social insurance programs – Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security! With the Senate working towards a bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act – which will cut billions from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as the upcoming budget negotiations that propose huge cuts to these programs, we must continue to let our elected officials know that we will not stand for these cuts. To add insult to injury, the Republican leadership is dusting off the Bowles/Simpson proposals to cut Social Security and privatize it (setting up individual retirement accounts instead).

Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security's 52nd and 82nd Anniversaries are in late July and early August. CARA is planning to hold visibility events in key Congressional districts around the state. We are embarking on a huge signature collection campaign now, with a goal of collecting thousands of signatures by July 25th; so we can show our Congressional Delegation how much support there is for these programs. We need your help to do this. Please download the Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security Petition ([click here](#)) and start collecting signatures today. You can also go directly to the CARA website at www.californiaalliance.org and download the petition there, or call the office at 510-663-4086 to have a petition(s) sent to you. Help us make this petition drive a huge success.

SB 562 MUST PASS THE SENATE BY JUNE 2ND!

We have a big push over the next week to get SB 562 passed by the Senate. Please do all you can do to make this next push BIG and light up Senators phones over the next 7 days to make sure we have the 21 votes needed to pass the Senate by June 2nd! Here's some ways you can help!

1. Key focus for the next week – Light up Senator's phones!

2. Call Your State Senator this week

a. Dial Our Revolution number, enter your zip and be connected to your senator: **855-271-8515**

b. Link to Our Revolution page with 855 number OR you can enter your info and be called for the patch through: <https://go.ourrevolution.com/page/content/sb562/>

3. Attend a district Meeting in Key Districts

• **Dodd meeting at 11AM on Tuesday, May 30th (to RSVP email: aaroncoachesus@gmail.com)**,
Dodd district office, 2721 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Napa, CA 94558

• **5/30 Hertzberg Mtg with Staff:** Tuesday May 30th at 1:45pm (to RSVP email: Betty Toto healthycabetty@gmail.com) meeting with Marco Santana at Senator Hertzberg's in district office:
6150 Van Nuys Blvd., #400, Van Nuys, CA 91401

Key Senate Targets:

Bob Hertzberg (Dem – SD 18): [\(916\) 651-4018](tel:9166514018)

Senator Bill Dodd (Dem - SD 3): [\(916\) 651-4003](tel:9166514003)

Senator Richard Pan (Dem - SD 6): [\(916\) 651-4006](tel:9166514006)

Senator Steven Glazer (Dem - SD7): [\(916\) 651-4007](tel:9166514007)

Senator Anthony Cannella (Rep - SD 12): [\(916\) 651-4012](tel:9166514012)

Senator Andy Vidak (SD 14): (Rep - [\(916\) 651-4014](tel:9166514014))

Senator Josh Newman (Dem - SD 29): [\(916\) 651-4029](tel:9166514029)

Senator Richard Roth (Dem - SD 31): [\(916\) 651-4031](tel:9166514031)

Senator Jerry Hill (Dem - SD 13): [\(916\) 651-4013](tel:9166514013)

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