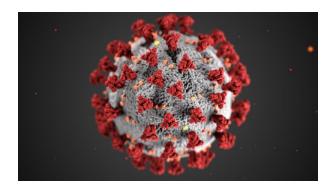
Until we have healthcare for all,

We must assure all people can access medical care during the Pandemic.



In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and climate disasters: fires, floods, hurricanes and drought with their resultant health and economic consequences, targeted legislation is urgent. This includes financing to develop a public health and disaster relief workforce to meet the needs of affected communities--many under-served at the present time. It is essential to provide the training and job skills for the unemployed and recent graduates to reinforce the corps of dedicated health workers and climate crisis responders for current and future challenges.

We need to build infrastructure which reaches every city and town, rural to urban, south to north, impoverished to affluent, inclusive of *all* races, ethnicities, tribes, immigrants, young to elderly and those already health-challenged. Thus, we will not be unprepared as we were for this pandemic.

Broad, skilled employment of millions of workers will build resilient communities. Local investment multiplies many times over as workers spend their wages in their hometowns supporting tax revenue as well. Mega-corporations are today's colonizers—extracting wealth for the already wealthy elsewhere.

<u>UUJEC</u> recommends that you support the *Force to Fight Covid-19* joint legislative proposal in the upcoming Covid-19 relief package proposed by Senator Merkley of Oregon and many others. <u>This</u> <u>link</u> describes the contents of the package. Write or call your Representatives and Senators to ask them to join this effort.

In addition, it is essential that the Covid-19 relief package covers the medical expenses of *every* person, citizen, immigrant or tourist, in the United States infected by the virus, whether or not the virus was the primary issue requiring healthcare. When a vaccine becomes available, we must vaccinate everyone free of charge.

Thank you for speaking out for Health, Jobs and Inclusion.

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