

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INITIATIVE 336

WHEREAS

1. There are 180,000 people killed every year by medical negligence. This means that more than 400 people were killed in the Fifth Congressional District during the last 12 months.
2. The actual cost of litigation is 0.4% of health care costs. If litigation's cost were reduced by 25%, the cost saving would only take 10 cents off a \$100 doctor's bill.
3. Rapidly escalating drug prices and medical injuries are the biggest causes of rising health care costs.
4. Some insurance companies don't care about bad doctors or deaths due to medical negligence. They want to continue business as usual and are using fear and confusion about litigation to distract us from the real problems.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Thurston County Democratic Central Committee endorses Initiative 336 which is the peoples' answer to curbing medical injuries and rising health care costs.
2. The Thurston County Democratic Central Committee opposes Initiative 330 which is the insurance industry's effort to distract us from real answers to escalating health care costs and the need for medical accountability.

SIGNED this 28th day of February 2005.

Presiding Officer