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NEWSFLASH

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Bill: SB 810 – Socialized Medicine

Author: State Senator Mark Leno

Status: Stopped this year. An Encouraging Temporary Victory!

Held in Senate Appropriations Committee on May 29, 2009. May be reconsidered in January 2010.

We thank God for intervening and stopping SB 810 for the time being. God used your calls, letters and prayers to make a difference. He also is currently using the financial problems faced by our state to hinder the passage of a lot of bad legislation, like this bill, which would dangerously interfere with the ability of parents to make important decisions concerning the well being of our children and families.

* SB 810, like its predecessor, SB 840 by Senator Kuehl, was an aggressive plan to bring socialized medicine into California by replacing private health insurance with a mandatory state-controlled health insurance and service delivery system for every California resident.

* SB 810 would have forced every California resident above poverty level to pay a state insurance premium (a very expensive hidden tax), and would have driven up the cost of health care coverage.

* SB 810 would have destroyed the current system of choices of health care coverage and reduced the availability of health care, forcing many families to go out of state to obtain health care.

* SB 810 would have created a new huge government bureaucracy with the power to make life and death medical decisions affecting you and your family, and would have placed all final health care decisions in the hands of a single government board and its commissioner.

* SB 810 would have set the stage for funding highly objectionable services such as abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

* SB 810 would have also provided the necessary source of funding for future legislation to be passed that would require that everyone, including children, undergo regular mandatory psychiatric exams. The last attempt to require regular mandatory psychiatric exams for all Californians failed in 1999 (SB 276) in large part due to a lack of adequate funding.

No further action is required on SB 810 at this time. We will keep you informed as necessary.

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