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Gertrude Stein Democratic Club Resolution on Inclusion of a Public Option for Health Care Reform

WHEREAS, The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club believes that every American deserves affordable, accessible, and high quality health care; and,

WHEREAS, one in six or 45 million Americans are currently uninsured and another 20 million underinsured, which places an expensive burden upon the nations emergency services and proliferates contagious diseases; and,

WHEREAS, LGBT people face significant disparities in health care not faced by non-LGBT people; and,

WHEREAS, the increasing costs of health care will lower the take home wages of Americans by nearly \$25,000 in 2040; and,

WHEREAS, A strong public option would help to address some of these disparities with regard to health care coverage and access, as well as increase competition and reduce costs; and,

WHEREAS; It is not certain that the creation of health care cooperatives would create the same type of competition that a strong public option would; and,

WHEREAS; The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club supports President Obama's call for comprehensive health care reform that will improve quality, lower costs, expand preventative care, and promote innovation and advancement in medical technologies, at an affordable cost to America;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club endorses the passage and enactment of a healthcare reform plan that includes a strong public option; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club of Washington, DC officially and publicly adds its name to the list of progressive organizations which support the President's Health Care plan inclusive of a strong public option.