

My purpose is to begin submitting articles as your immediate past president. Because I seem to have developed a reputation as seeing things just a bit differently, a column with this title "fits the bill". That being said, let me begin with this statement ... these are my opinions period. I have often heard, "Often wrong but never in doubt" when I opine.

I write this very short but controversial statement regarding SB 562 and/or any similar bill or ballot initiative. Here goes ... ready

I hope it passes! Why? Because forced retirement is the only way I ever see leaving this wonderful business. If you want to be forced out of this business and into an unwanted retirement ... then do nothing to support our efforts to defeat every and all Single Payor initiatives. They hurt the consumer, minimize the role of the agent and end your career.

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