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## **IFPTE Endorses Single Payer Healthcare Legislation** *Senator Sanders bill calls for Medicare for all*

Washington, DC – Today the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) formally announced its backing of the *Medicare for All Act of 2017*, a bill sponsored by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders to ensure that every American has health care coverage.

This bill would guarantee that every American would be covered by Medicare within four years, with those under the age of 18 immediately receiving coverage. Under the bill, there would be no co-payments, prescriptions would be covered, and most health conditions would be covered. It would also allow for for-profit insurance to continue to do business for elective procedures not covered by Medicare.

IFPTE President Gregory Junemann provided the following comments in support of the legislation:

“Health care is a right, not a privilege; and Americans should not be squeezed beneath the thumb of multi-billion-dollar insurance companies who profit by withholding medical care. Under Senator Sanders’s Bill, all Americans would receive the care their doctors prescribe, rather than the reduced or withheld care allowed by insurance companies.

“As is consistent with resolutions that have passed unanimously at past IFPTE Conventions mandating that the union ‘reaffirm its support for a universal or single-payer healthcare system,’ we at IFPTE are endorsing this legislation. We applaud the Sanders Bill as it seeks to add the US to the long list of nations that ensure medical, hospital, and pharmaceutical care to all of their citizens.”

Senator Bernie Sanders will hold a news conference today on Capitol Hill announcing the introduction of his bill.

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