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Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

In the midst of an ongoing pandemic and widespread inequality, it is the duty of every elected official to stand up and demand that healthcare become a right, and not a privilege. The United States is the only major country in the world to not provide healthcare to all its residents, resulting in poorer health outcomes and life expectancy, especially for BIPOC communities.

This is why I am urging you to join me in supporting Assembly Bill 1690, which would help establish a statewide, universal, affordable, and quality single payer healthcare bill. With President Biden in office, we have a real chance at receiving the federal waivers necessary to make this bill a reality and once again show that our city and our state are leaders in progressive policy in the United States.

I respectfully urge you to support this resolution.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheng Thao". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheng" and last name "Thao" clearly legible.

Mayor Sheng Thao
City of Oakland