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To: Interested Parties

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Re: **California Voters Strongly Back Corporate Contributions to Fund Medi-Cal**

As millions of Californians face losing their health coverage due to federal health care cuts, a new statewide poll finds voters are overwhelmingly embracing a possible revenue solution. Our polling finds that more than three-quarters of California voters (76%) favor requiring contributions for large corporations whose employees rely on Medi-Cal – and that support for this policy approach extends across the state and diverse communities.

Californians Back Requiring Large Corporations to Contribute to Medi-Cal Costs of Their Workers by 4-to-1 Margin

To maintain health coverage for people in California, we asked respondents whether they would support a measure to “*require contributions for large corporations whose employees rely on public benefits like Medi-Cal because of their low wages, exempting mom-and-pop small businesses.*” Our poll finds that Californians favor this policy by a 4-to-1 margin, with 76% in support – including half of voters (50%) who say they *strongly* support this – to just 19% opposed.

Here is a possible means of maintaining health coverage for people in California. Please indicate whether you support or oppose this.	
<i>Require contributions for large corporations whose employees rely on public benefits like Medi-Cal because of their low wages, exempting mom-and-pop small businesses.</i>	
Total Support	76%
Total Oppose	19%
Don't Know	5%
Support – Oppose	+57

It is particularly noteworthy that this policy unites a broad coalition and attracts support from across the state and diverse communities.

- The revenue solution attracts strong majority support in every region of the state, including Los Angeles County (83% Support to 14% Oppose), the broader Los Angeles Area outside of Los Angeles County (70% Support to 25% Oppose), the Bay Area (78% Support to 15% Oppose), the San Diego region (78% Support to 17% Oppose), the Sacramento/North region (75% Support to 19% Oppose), and the Central Valley (65% Support to 25% Oppose).
- The revenue solution is supported by 83% of African American voters (to 14% Oppose), 78% of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian voters (to

17% Oppose), 75% of Latino voters (to 19% Oppose), and 75% of white voters (to 20% Oppose).

- Requiring large corporations to contribute to the Medi-Cal costs of their workers is supported by 93% of registered Democrats (to 4% Oppose) and 78% of No Party Preference and third-party voters (to 16% Oppose), while Republicans are closely divided (42% Support to 49% Oppose).

In conclusion, these findings demonstrate a powerful mandate for policy action. California voters are united by a 4-to-1 margin in their desire to hold large corporate employers accountable for their workers' healthcare. Because this revenue solution commands intense, broad-based support extending across every region and demographic group, it stands out as a uniquely unifying approach to secure the state's health care safety net and protect health care coverage for millions of Californians.

Survey Methodology: *From May 5-17, 2026, Tulchin Research conducted a survey among 1,000 registered voters in California, oversampling 100 AAPINH and 100 African American voters. The margin of error for the survey's base sample survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points.*