

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGAL IMMUNITY FOR NURSING HOME AND BUSINESSES FAILING TO PROVIDE SAFE WORKPLACES

WHEREAS, a strong and speedy economic recovery is slowed down by industries failing to provide reasonably safe workplaces causing frontline workers and consumers who are essential in our economy to risk COVID-19 infection and spread.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 crisis continues to expose patient neglect by the for-profit nursing home industry through insufficient staffing, patient overcrowding, and failures to establish and practice virus containment standards, the industry also risks the health of frontline workers by failing to provide Personal Protective Equipment or adhere to reasonable safety practices.

WHEREAS, providing broad legal immunity would send the wrong message that "we won't hold you accountable," and will encourage status quo unsafe practices that further exacerbate the public health crisis through greater rates of infection and death.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon the California Legislature, Governor Gavin Newsom, and all Federal elected officials to protect workers and consumers by opposing broad immunity and liability protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County continues to support increasing access to the civil justice system and enacting robust workplace protections.

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