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**Greetings!**

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.  
This War on Oppression will only be won as one  
mass movement.

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## Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

# Spotlight

## Senator Elizabeth Warren's Plan – Medicare for All



By

DonnaMarie Woodson

## House Party



Recently I hosted an Informational House Party to more fully understand [Elizabeth Warren's](#) plan for Medicare for All. After Inviting friends and having fun - like a house party should be, we all had the opportunity to ask questions of one of the Senator's NC State Representatives, Gabe Cartagena.

I firmly believe it is our responsibility as citizens to investigate and understand the various candidates positions on this policy. As a colon and breast cancer survivor, Healthcare ranks at the top of my list of issues and concerns for our next Democratic Presidential Candidate.

I hear a lot of concern about how she will pay for it, but, for me if we don't take a bold stance on healthcare, millions of people will continue to suffer and die because of the lack of quality healthcare. Even those with health insurance can still face the possibility of bankruptcy because of the outrageous deductibles and co-pays.



To clear up any questions and confusion about immediately ripping away the Affordable Care Act and implementing Medicare for All, the Senator's Plan headline reads:

**"Health Care Costs in America and Transitioning to Medicare for All."**

In Senator Warren's Words: "My plan for health care reverses the Trump Administration's sabotage of our health care, allows everyone in America to choose a Medicare for All option for little or no cost,

and cuts costs for families before moving us into full Medicare for All – all in my first term. We need Medicare for ALL.”

As I learned at my Informational House Party, Senator Warren believes “We can fix our healthcare system and Medicare for All is the best way to cover every person in America at the lowest possible cost because it eliminates profiteering from our health care and leverages the power of the federal government to rein in spending.”



“Medicare for All will finally ensure that Americans have access to all of the coverage they need – not just what for profit insurance companies are willing to cover – including vision, dental, coverage

for mental health and addiction services, physical therapy, and long-term care for themselves and their loved ones. Medicare for All will mean that health care is once again between patients and the doctors and nurses they trust – without an insurance company in the middle to say “no” to access to the care they need. I have put out a plan to fully finance Medicare for All when it’s up and running without raising taxes on the middle class by one penny. But how do we get there?”

This is her Plan:

- I’ll pursue comprehensive anti-corruption reforms to rein in health insurers and drug companies – reforms that are essential to make any meaningful health care changes in Washington.
- I’ll use the tools of the presidency to start improving coverage and lowering costs – immediately. I’ll reverse Donald Trump’s sabotage of health care, protect individuals with pre-existing condition, take on the big pharmaceutical companies to lower

costs of key drugs for millions of Americans, and improve the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Medicaid.

- I will fight to pass fast-track budget reconciliation legislation to create a true Medicare for All option that's free for tens of millions.
- I won't hand Mitch McConnell a veto over my health care agenda. Instead, I'll give every American over the age of 50 the choice to enter an improved Medicare program, and I'll give every person in America the choice to get coverage through a true Medicare for All option.
- Coverage under the new Medicare for All option will be immediately free for children under the age of 18 and for families making at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (about \$51,000 for a family of four). For all others, the cost will be modest, and eventually coverage under this plan will be free for everyone.

The Senator also states: “By the end of my first 100 days, we will have opened the door for tens of millions of Americans to get high-quality Medicare for All coverage at little or no cost. But I won't stop there. Throughout my term,

I'll fight for additional health system reforms to save money and save lives – including a boost of \$100 billion in guaranteed, mandatory spending for new NIH (National Institute of Health) research over the next ten years to radically improve basic medical science and the development of new medical miracles for patients.



In addition, Senator Warren plans “no later than my third year in office, I will fight to pass legislation that would complete the transition to full Medicare for All. By this point, the American people



will have experienced the full benefits of a true Medicare for All option, and they can see for themselves how that experience stacks up against high-price care.”

This is only a brief overview of Senator Warren’s Medicare for All Plan. A more in-depth explanation can be found at the link below.

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## Editorial

# Impeachment

By

Tarik Kiley

December 25, 2019



**President Trump has a morality issue—so much that he has been impeached by the US House of Representatives. According to the US Constitution, Article II, section four, “The President, Vice President and all Civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.” In other words, the president has to do something really *wrong* to be impeached and possibly removed from office.**

Now, while the US House of Representatives can impeach the President, it is the Senate which is to hold the trial. Impeachment of the President is important, particularly in this case, because it would be detrimental to the USA political structure for President Trump to continue to be eligible for public office—as an impeached and removed President cannot hold future office.



US House of Representatives

But, will a Republican majority Senate remove President Donald Trump? IT seems that the Republican Party has become one where they refuse to hold President Trump accountable to any type of moral code. Again, President Trump has a morality issue, and now it seems, so does the Republican Party. Yet, the US government has to keep President Trump accountable to the people. The whole point of impeachment is to hold a public official accountable to the will of the people as embodied in the Constitution. The United States of Representatives Archives' page states the following:

*Impeachment, as Alexander Hamilton of New York explained in Federalist 65, varies from civil or criminal courts in that it strictly involves the “misconduct of public men, or in other words from the abuse or violation of some public trust.”*

*Individual state constitutions had provided for impeachment for “maladministration” or “corruption” before the U.S. Constitution was written. And the founders, fearing the potential for abuse of executive power, considered impeachment so important that they made it part of the Constitution even before they defined the contours of the presidency.*



**While impeachment is important to keep the President accountable, as a people we have to also consider the power of elections, and understand that elections are our most viable and most important tool in keeping public officials accountable. Of course, two things can be done to undermine elections—gerrymandering, in regards to legislatures and the machinations of the Electoral College, in regards to the federal Executive Branch.**

**Without going into detail about gerrymandering, which is a topic for another conversation, it is important to understand that President Donald Trump lost the presidential popular vote to Hillary Clinton in 2016. It was the Electoral College which put Donald Trump into power. This is significant here because it may be time to reform the Electoral College. Personally speaking, there should definitely be some type of deliberation about whether the Electoral College is still necessary.**

***But I digress.***

**What makes this impeachment of President Trump so amusing, is that he tried to coerce a foreign government, Ukraine, to investigate a political rival, Biden, in order to benefit himself. This is interesting because in 2016, President Trump chanted “lock her up,” and accused Hillary Clinton of the very same corruption which he, himself, appears to be guilty of.**



**As Nancy Pelosi stated on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, “No one is above the law.”**

**Unfortunately, for President Trump, he seems to be unaware or unwilling to recognize that he is neither a**

king, nor a dictator, but is to be held to the rule of law, just as any other citizen of this country.



He has no mandate to rule, other than the consent of the people, and as President must recognize the US Congress as a co-equal branch of the US government. He is subject to the checks and balances of the Constitution of the United States

of America. So, yes, President Trump when subjected to the rule of law has abused his power and obstructed justice.

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# Announcements



## N. Meck Democrats Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM

Cornelius Elementary School

21126 Catawba Ave.

Cornelius, NC 28031

## Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County

Installation of Executive Board

Wednesday, January 8th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Belmont Regional Center

700 Parkwood Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

## N. Mecklenburg Progressives Dinner

Monday, January 13th at 6:30 PM

Famous Toastery

12715 Conner Dr.

Huntersville, NC

(just off Gilead, across the parking lot from Earthfare)

# Announcements



## "Dem Friends"

**Thursday, January 9th at Noon**  
**Asian Buffet & Grill**  
**11032 East Independence Blvd**  
**Matthews, NC 28105**  
**704-246-6962**  
**(Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

## Women United March 2020

**Hosted by Charlotte Women's March**  
**Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11 AM – 2 PM**  
**First Ward Park**  
**E. 8<sup>th</sup> St and N. Brevard, Charlotte, NC 28202**

# Announcements



## MLK Day Parade

Hosted by Rho Psi Omega

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9 AM – 12 PM

Hal Marshall

700 N. Tryon

Charlotte, NC 28202

## African American Caucus of Mecklenburg County

### Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM

Little Rock AME Church

401 N. McDowell St

Charlotte, NC 28204



Please submit your group events to [donnamarie93@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarie93@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.

# Happenings Gallery!

**Wishing Everyone a Blessed and Prosperous  
New Year!**



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