

1 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4**

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3 **REPAIRING THE SAFETY-NET**

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5 WHEREAS, the ~~Trump~~ **current** administration, by executive act and with
6 cooperation from ~~Republican~~ senators, congresspeople and governors, is
7 blowing huge holes in the safety-net protecting the poorest Americans from
8 destitution. ~~Making~~ **This makes** the lives, health, safety and futures of ~~poor~~ **low-**
9 **income** people, including millions of children, more desperate and bleak, ~~Trump~~
10 **The current administration** has authorized states to set work requirements and
11 ~~positive~~ drug tests as conditions for receiving financial assistance, including food
12 stamps, Medicaid, housing assistance and other services for the poor, including
13 setting lifetime limits; and,

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15 WHEREAS, many ~~poor~~ **low-income** Americans are basically unemployable due
16 to medical, mental health, drug addiction, cognitive and educational deficits.
17 Thus, these rules will vastly increase homelessness and reliance on food banks
18 and shelters for survival; and,

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20 WHEREAS, eliminating Medicaid for those with positive drug tests, plus other
21 restrictions will greatly exacerbate the opioid crisis, leaving a void in treatment
22 and services for addicts – endangering the lives of many thousands; and,

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24 WHEREAS, extremely irresponsible fiscal and taxation policies, as well as drastic
25 deregulation, will likely lead to another recession and increased economic

1 hardship for the poorest Americans. This period of near-full employment will not
2 last, bringing many more people into poverty and subject to these restrictions.
3 And cuts in federal assistance will mean tax-payers in states and communities
4 will have to fill the void.

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6 ~~THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that~~ **WHEREAS**, RPEC strongly opposes proposals and
7 edicts that sabotage services for the ~~poor~~ **low-income**, and instead supports
8 enhancements of safety-net programs, including universal health care, basic
9 nutritional support, housing assistance, and expanded drug and mental health
10 treatment; and,

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12 **THEREFORE**, ~~BE IT FURTHER~~ RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be sent to all
13 members of the Washington Congressional delegation.

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16 Submitted by Chapter 3 on July 27, 2018

17 Ellen Carmody, President

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19 Committee Assignment: Legislative Committee

20 Committee Recommendation: **Concur as amended**

21 Convention Action: Passed

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