

[Statement prepared by Dr. Ahmed Kutty, leading signatory of the Article 16 petition]

## ON WARRANT ARTICLE #16

The residents of Peterborough have an opportunity on July 14<sup>th</sup> to vote on Article 16 which authorizes the Select Board to convey in writing, the sense of Town voters in support of 'Improved and Expanded Medicare for All' Bills in Congress: HR 1384 by Rep. P.Jayapal (D-WA) and S 1129 by Sen. Bernie Sanders.

If the Bills become Acts signed into law, Peterborough will see a REDUCTION of about ONE MILLION dollars from its expenditure on employee health and dental care, as funding for ALL medically necessary care will become a federal responsibility. Our property taxes will get lighter.

And ALL Americans will get coverage under a comprehensive, sustainable, equitable and publicly -funded, privately- delivered system, UNTIED to employment, economic status, preexisting conditions OR any other barriers to accessing needed care, including prescription drugs, long-term care, visual -dental care, substance -use disorder management, mental health services and more, IF medically appropriate.

A YES vote will nudge our Congressional delegates to endorse the Bills in Congress which to date, NONE of the four NH Reps and Senators have done.

A NO vote will affirm continuation of Status Quo.