
Letter: Don't be afraid to vote for Bernie

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Dear Editor, Even though Crescent City teachers got their small raise, it is rumored that the district will likely lay off some teachers to save money.

That will mean more kids per classroom and more low-performance numbers. It isn't fair that kids and teachers in rich counties have great schools and well-paid teachers, but in poor counties like ours kids and teachers suffer.

I want my federal taxes spent on education, not endless wars and tax breaks for Wall Street billionaires. That is why I'm voting for Bernie Sanders for president. And don't say, "How do we pay for it?!" We can stop spending trillions of dollars on war and corporate tax breaks.

Crescent City teachers also struggle to pay for healthcare. Some teachers have \$9,000 deductibles on top of student debt payments. Imagine how much money would flow into our community if people didn't have high premiums, co-pays and deductibles.

Bernie Sanders is the only candidate who will help us fight for Medicare For All. And don't say, "How do we pay for it?!" We already have the most expensive healthcare and it will get more expensive.

With Medicare For All, we won't be paying insurance CEOs millions and insurance companies will not have billion-dollar profits off our suffering. If we can spend trillions on war and tax breaks for billionaires we can afford healthcare for everyone.

And don't tell me Bernie is a scary socialist. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a Democratic Socialist and he was elected president four times. He taxed the robber barons and employed working people building roads, bridges and infrastructure. He helped build the middle class.

Back in 1932, people were not afraid to vote for FDR. So don't be afraid to vote for Bernie. Be brave, vote on March 3 for your best interests instead of the interest of big-box billionaires.

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