



## Let's heal America with health care for all

### Here's why.

(Talking points from attendees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Universal Health Care Conference, July 21, 2018 in Denver.)

When we all do better, we all do better.

Everybody loves their health insurance until they need it.

How much money you make should not determine your access to health care.

We know there is not a wealthy person in America sitting in bed covered in medical bills.

Radical compassion requires radical change.

Medical expenses cause the majority of American family bankruptcies.

What kind of a sick world have we created where people have to choose between their lives and their life savings? Or worse, between their children's lives and their life savings?

We do not need a single health insurance company to deliver health care.

Do you believe the opioid crisis is being adequately treated by current resources? Would universal health care do better?

How much does it cost to fly from one island in Hawaii to another? How much for an ambulance ride from Frisco to Denver? Why is that so much more expensive?

Can you imagine what it would be like if you had guaranteed health care?

Would could Americans do if we weren't worried about health care?

Everyone deserves health care. And providers should be paid in a rational way.

We're all in this together. All of us are exposed to accidents and illness.

Hundreds of Americans die each week for lack of adequate health care, as though two giant airplanes crashed each week. We should be defended from threats to our health the same way the military defends Americans regardless of our race, age, or social standing.

Health care is something everyone needs: Why does it have to be so complex? Everyone's lives are so busy. A simplified health care system would be a relief to all of us.

Why do we accept that there is no price list for health care costs? There should be a transparent list of costs.

### **Mental health is as important as physical health.**

And from Don McCanne, MD of Physicians for a National Health Program: **Include everyone for life in a system with free choice of physicians, hospitals and other health services and products. Simplify the financing system to reduce the profound administrative waste unique to the United States. Establish fair prices that are adequate to support the system while preventing gouging, and fund the entire system equitably such that each person pays his or her fair share based on ability. All of us receive the health care we need, and none of us suffers financial hardship as a result.**

## More

- We have a health care system that steps on people when they're down, and that keeps people from seeking health care because it's become too expensive.
- Insurance companies continue to raise premiums and out-of-pocket expenses, like deductibles and co-pays, so that ordinary people are being squeezed.
- "Can I afford rent or medication?" should not be a decision people have to make, but they do it every day.
- Our health care system is the leading cause of bankruptcy in America. Americans are more afraid of the cost of health care than they are of illness.
- Our health care system is just plain wrong, and we must demand our elected leaders fix it. We cannot continue to allow insurance and drug companies continue to bribe our elected officials via campaign contributions.
- We want a health care system that answers to us: National Improved Medicare for All!
- It would cost less and cover everyone!
- The complexity of our current health care system adds millions of dollars to our health care costs. Each insurance company has its own bureaucracy, making the entire system inefficient and costly.
- Fixing our nightmare of a health care system is one of the most important issues we face.
- We have a health care system that can hit you with "surprise" medical bills that can mount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Why can't insurance companies just pay bills. What's all this with denying care or out-of-network coverage?
- What's your health care story?

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