

To Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members,

While I have been fortunate to have health insurance, I know others who aren't as lucky. A man in Lebanon who was in his late 50's and self employed could not afford insurance. When he developed cancer, it was pointed out to him that he would have to sell his house to pay for medical care. He did not want to make his wife homeless, so died without care. For this to happen in the world's wealthiest country is just wrong. I believe SB 770 would be a good step in the right direction to see that everyone has insurance, to contain pharmaceutical prices, and streamline bureaucracy.

Thank you,

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