

To Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members,

I am writing to support the amendment to SB 770 that establishes the Universal Health Care Commission. I pay thousands of dollars out of pocket every year to diagnose and treat my chronic health problems, mostly because insurance does not cover things like GI tests and other types of tests that pinpoint real problems in the gut and other bodily systems. We're talking \$400 a pop every time I need to run a GI-MAP test and I have to do several per year to test if treatment is working, not to mention the cost of the actual treatments themselves, which easily go into the hundreds of dollars every time I visit the doctor.

The Health Industrial Complex *wants* us to stay sick and rigs their coverage so that it costs less to use their harmful pharmaceuticals that only target symptoms and not root causes of disease, leaving people like me in the lurch who actually want to nip my health problems in the bud.

Single payer will give me an alternative to this broken system and hopefully look out for my interests as I further my goal to be pharma-free and without chronic disease.

Sincerely,

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