I have been practicing emergency medicine for almost 30 years and see daily the impact that not having health care has on patients decision making. Patients will delay care and even leave the ER without getting treatment due to concerns over how to pay for things. In addition in the ER we have to see all patients who come in regardless of insurance status so it makes sense that we should just have insurance for all.

I firmly believe that health care is a right and not a privilege so we should provide it to everyone. For this reason as a health care professional and as a citizen I support this bill.