

To cut the story short - I have worked for PSU since 2001 - Became eligible for health care benefits around 2003. I had my health monitored the entire time all the way to 2016 when I was laid off and rehired as an adjunct. Before I got laid off I had some health issues but they were not very alarming- I was supposed to go for a prostate biopsy - but since the insurance expired before the stated date I did not go. So I stayed without insurance 2017, 2018 and 2019 since I had no funds for it . Fortunately or unfortunately I got some coverage in 2020 . Went back to the clinic after 3 years now I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer - Not sure how far it has gone but I am sure if I had insurance this could not have taken this far. So please ask the legislative to consider our pledge. Health care is not a luxury - we are not asking for money we are asking to have a chance to live rather than die young.

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