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I am From Saskatchewan, Canada, the province where the Canadian universal health care system was first adopted. My first visit to a US doctors and subsequent visits were shocking. The first question asked is " your insurance." You must pass this step before any mention of health. It was even more shocking to discover many people are without health care for financial deficiencies. In any civilized society health care should be considered a human right. To be sure problems occur with a single payer system as was the case in Canada. However, they choose to fix the problems when they appear and not scrap the system. As a testimony to the popularity of the health care system in Canada, no political party in any of the 10 provinces has gotten elected without supporting the universal health care system.

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