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I believe this is an important step forward for our state. I see a large disparity in my community between those who have access to services of wellness and those who live in fear of getting sick and the repercussions of missing work. I am in food service and while I do have insurance, I had to opt for the highest deductible in order to afford it and I fear the financial impact of seeking medical care. Working full time I am just able to meet my needs. If I were to need time off for injury and be saddled with debt related to care, well, I can fathom an intense hopelessness I would feel. I've come to a stage of being debt free after years of scraping by in service to student loan debt, I'm only just able to start saving for the future. One accident or prolonged illness would set me back horribly. I appreciate this opportunity to share my perspective.