

HB-1273

Good afternoon. Thank you for your time today.

It isn't any secret that we have a health care crisis. The question becomes - what are WE - as compassionate human beings going to do about it.

I believe that single payer is the way to go. Lewin and Company has proven that single payer is cheaper in the long run.

I went to many of the 2008 Commission hearings on Health Care in Colorado. There were so many horror stories about our broken health care system.

Why are we as Americans allowing this to happen?

In 2002 my husband died of cancer. The insurance company dictated what the doctor and hospital could do. That is un-American and it has to stop.

The insurance company stood in the way of us getting a second opinion.

We finally received approval after months of delay. When one is sick and needs to focus on getting well they do not need the additional emotional trauma of fighting the insurance company in order to change to a doctor or hospital of their choice.

Because of time I cannot go into all the problems my husband had with the health care system. Let me assure you – you would not have wanted to go through any of it.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in May of last year. It is a good bet Hormone Replacement Therapy gave me cancer.

Kaiser doctors don't seem to know much about alternative medicine or hormones.

I want a CHOICE of a doctor that knows something about women's hormones. In order for me to get a second outside opinion I had to pay out of pocket, which I cannot afford.

Therefore, I want insurance I can afford, that allows me to go anywhere and includes alternative natural resources and keeps insurance companies out of it.

I do not see anything in the following definition of Capitalism that would be against "public owned services". From Answers.com, "Capitalism is an economic system in which the means of production and distribution are privately or corporately owned".

Our society has many rules, laws and regulations to protect the public, this allows us to live in a "free" society. I believe we cannot have a JUST society without "socialized" or public services, such as;

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL, fire and police departments, public schools, just to name a very few.

How many more studies are we going to do? How many more people will become seriously ill? How many people have to die? Before we do something. We need a change NOW.

I urge you to pass HB-1273 out of committee.

Again Thank You for your time.

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