

I Support HB 1273

Here is my Healthcare Story:

I am 59 years old & was laid off from my job in May of 2008 due to Level 3 Communications outsourcing jobs to India.

This meant I had to go on the open market for health insurance. I am now paying \$230/month for catastrophic insurance (\$5000.00 deductible). My premiums are expected to go up this year when I turn 60. If I were to get sick, I would be afraid to go to a doctor & then have a possible "pre-existing condition that would drive the costs up even further.

I am still unemployed so I will not be able to afford health insurance much longer. I have no dental coverage or vision coverage.

My 31 year-old son was laid off from his job & has no medical insurance now.

My 27-year old daughter lost her job & can't afford to go to a doctor. She needs certain prescription meds. She is having serious dental issues now, but does not have dental insurance and does not have the money to see a dentist.

I feel that our Healthcare system is seriously flawed & inequitable. We need affordable good quality healthcare available to all of our citizens. It should not be based on whether one is employed. Employers should not be involved in healthcare.

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