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### Health care is a human right

The current profit-based health care system needs reform. When insurance corporations place profit ahead of care, something is wrong.

Every day in this country, insured patients are denied care and have their insurance plans canceled because the critical care they require is too expensive. The shared-risk philosophy that made group insurance successful has been replaced by corporate greed. Citizens dutifully pay their health insurance premiums for years and, when they need it most, often it is not there for them. Americans can no longer turn a blind eye while their friends and neighbors are suffering or, worse, dying.

This is not an issue based on race, class or party affiliation but a human rights issue we can no longer ignore. It is time for us to stop arguing and start supporting our elected officials as they work to reform the broken health care system in our country.

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