

Thank You!

Im Carlos Navarro of Norwalk, and today I'm here to testify on the behalf of thousands of immigrant and undocumented families across the state of Connecticut who together make up thousands of people left without healthcare coverage therefor not being able to afford health care.

Not having health care coverage leaves many individuals across the state not being able to access affordable healthcare. I ask myself. How many people are vulnerable to getting sick, and not being able to get the treatment they need to help them get better? Therefore not being able to return to work without a doctors note. How many immigrant women can't get a mammogram because it's not affordable to them? Therefore not being able to treat breast cancer on time or other diseases because they didn't know they had it in its early stage of development. How many individuals can't afford a Covid test, or perhaps even the covid vaccine because they cannot afford it? Therefore not only putting themselves at risk but their fellow neighbors as well.

I asked folks on my social media, Why is Healthcare coverage important to you and your familys? Here's what some of them had to say.

My mother suffers from high cholesterol and she cannot afford to get the medication she needs to help her stay balanced. I fear for her life, because people with a very high cholesterol are at a high risk of stroke, and heart attack.

We shouldn't have to choose between rent, or an urgent visit to the doctors office.

Yale New haven hospital was denying my dad treatment for his leucemia, because he didn't have health insurance. We had to set up a go fund me page, and we didn't want to ask people for money, but we were left with no choice.

Please listen to what I have to say because I can only say this once. I am here today to tell you that healthcare is a human right. And no one should have to pay for healthcare, regardless of their immigration status. Just like no one should have to pay to go to a public school regardless of their immigration status. Despite what people think, undocumented people do pay taxes in this state. Taxes that are going to the very same healthcare program they don't even have access to, and that is very in humain.

Our Immigrant families need access to health care coverage, today! Regardless of their immigration status. That is all I have to say. Thank You!