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THE MYTH

"I should not have to pay for the healthcare of others."

THE FACT

Everyone's health is safer when everyone is healthy. Many of us learned this for the first time during the COVID pandemic. Sick coworkers and neighbors put our own health at risk. Giving everyone access to healthcare makes sense for public health, and it is the right thing to do. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) is true healthcare for all.

WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU

When people are left out of healthcare, everyone else is put at risk and costs go up. Here is how.

1. **Sick people make others sick.** Stopping the spread of disease takes testing, vaccines, and treatment for everyone. Leaving any group out creates blind spots that put the whole public at risk.
2. **People wait until it is an emergency.** Many people cannot afford private insurance premiums, Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, or paying out of pocket. They often put off care until their condition is critical.
3. **Emergency rooms cost the most.** Federal law requires emergency rooms to treat anyone with a life-threatening condition, no matter their legal status or ability to pay. These visits are very expensive.
4. **Communities pay the price.** Relying on emergency rooms drains money and hurts communities. Leaving millions without care keeps that financial strain going.

WHAT H.R. 3069 WILL DO

- ✓ **Cover everyone.** Brings everyone into one healthcare program, for true 100% coverage with no gaps.
- ✓ **Protect public health.** Gives the whole population access to testing, vaccines, and treatment to contain outbreaks.
- ✓ **Lower costs.** Ends the need to rely on emergency rooms. People can get care early, before a condition becomes critical.
- ✓ **Make healthcare a human right.** Care becomes a basic right for every resident, not a privilege.
- ✓ **Leave no one out.** Immigrants live, work, and pay sales taxes and other consumer taxes in our communities. They pay much more into the system than they take out. Undocumented immigrants should never be shut out of medical care.
- ✓ **Help our health and our economy.** Covering everyone is smart public health policy and smart economic policy.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Paying for healthcare for everyone protects you, too. When everyone can get care, all of us are safer and healthier, and costs come down. H.R. 3069 is true healthcare for all.

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