

Why I am an Advocate

Hello my name is Teresa de J. Privado Castillo Salvadorian, Montgomery County resident since 1990. Since then I see the need of health insurance to all.

I know the state decide who gets insurance coverage. I am asking you as my representative to ask the state to change/ modify this rules on who gets insurance and they can have it without exception of race, color, country, culture, or legal status. Health is important for everybody no matter what happens with them; and **that is a human right**, we have to take care of the people that we care.

Without health, we will not be able to work and provide for our families. Most of the people in this country are immigrants and they are hardworking people. Providing them health insurance will alleviate their needs will continue growing their kids. That is why we all need health insurance so that we may be able to live healthily and not be worry just in case something happens to us we will be able to go to see the doctor.

I remember that I have passed a very bad situation because I did not have any insurance, I was so scared and I thought I will die, I was in this country with no money to pay. I was like that for many years. I have many relatives, friends, and neighbors who die because they could not obtain health insurance, they could not be seen by a doctor because hospitals or any clinic always ask if the people have health insurance and if they don't they don't serve them. Most of the immigrant people do not have access to any insurance simply because they were not authorized to be in this country. Other peoples that I know still paying the debt of an illness they had. Getting sick in this country is scary because it is cost a lot of money and worse without health insurance.

Thanks you very much for giving me opportunity to speak and to hear my testimony