Our sad story is similar to so many others. Our daughter Anna was diagnosed with brain cancer in 1998 while she was a sophomore in college. She was forced to drop out and battled the disease until her death in 2001 (at the age of 22). Multiple surgeries and radiation did not save her life, but the medical bills were staggering. Luckily, both my husband and I had good insurance coverage through our employers, and Anna was under the golden age of 26 (although we worried about coverage after that time). In the years that followed, my insurance benefits were greatly reduced and premiums increased. Had Anna been diagnosed then, the attempts to treat her would have bankrupted us...a high price to pay for futile results. We support a single payer system and ask that you do, too.

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