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We must move toward Universal Healthcare ASAP!

As a 74-year-old retired teacher with multiple health problems, I live in fear of big medical bills that would leave me bankrupt.

I was forced to retire at 55 due to an injury sustained in the classroom when a middle-school student grabbed me by the shoulders and shook me. Subsequently, I had terrible headaches and developed a neurological problem called L'hermitte, in which I feel as if I've been struck by lightening. This starts at the top of my head and travels through my

arms to my fingers bilaterally. As a result, I took an early retirement and lost 40% of my expected retirement pay. I also lost the years on the job that I loved and that would have allowed me to retire with more savings and, thus, more of a safety net. We are the only wealthy country that doesn't provide healthcare for all of its people. Let's work toward expanding that!