

Chair Patterson, Vice-chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle, and I'm an 8th grader at Scotts Mills Elementary School.

I came here in support of Senate Bill 704 because I want to work for myself as a graphic designer someday; but how will I ever do that without universal health care? I don't want to have to work a dead end job I hate just for health insurance.

Between school shootings, climate change, and the covid pandemic, kids have a lot to worry about nowadays, but health care shouldn't have to be one of them.

When I was 12, I broke my leg. After recovering, I still had a painful limp, but our insurance company wouldn't pay for months of physical therapy, since apparently **their** CEO's million dollar salary was more important than **my pain and suffering.**

I'm tired of waiting for adults to do the right thing. Universal healthcare is something any reasonable society should provide for their citizens.

Thank you for your time.