

Hibo Omer's Testimony

Chairperson and honorable committee members, my name is Hibo Omer, and I am here to testify as an executive director of a public health organization supporting healthcare coverage for all. I have seen firsthand the devastating impact of the lack of access to healthcare on individuals and communities and the urgent need for a comprehensive and inclusive healthcare system.

As an organization dedicated to promoting and advancing public health, access to affordable and quality healthcare is a fundamental human right. The exclusion of many individuals and families from the current healthcare system due to their socioeconomic status is a grave injustice that perpetuates health inequities and undermines the well-being of our society.

In our work, we have seen the immense value of preventative care and early intervention in improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs. By providing healthcare coverage for all, we can ensure that individuals have access to the care they need when they need it, rather than delaying or avoiding treatment due to financial barriers.

Furthermore, healthcare coverage for all would alleviate the burden on our healthcare system by reducing emergency room visits and hospitalizations that could have been prevented through early intervention and preventive care. This would save not only lives but also free up resources for healthcare providers to focus on more pressing and complex health issues.

I urge the committee to prioritize healthcare coverage for all as a necessary step towards achieving health equity and building a stronger and more resilient healthcare system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.