

Dear Legislators,

This testimony is submitted in support of **Coverage for All (A880/S1572)**, which is good for undocumented immigrants and good for New York State.

I believe the moral argument for providing healthcare coverage to people in our communities is undeniable: it saves lives and improves health. That should be reason alone to provide it, but if not, the legislature should also consider the economic benefits.

On its Healthcare .gov site, the federal government encourages people to get health insurance, but undocumented immigrants are frequently excluded. So they pay out of pocket, forego care entirely, or go to the emergency room, an expensive option which often could have been avoided if they had access to preventive and non-urgent medical care.

These bills would mean healthier people and communities, and less money spent covering emergency treatment. How much more evidence is needed before the legislature does the right thing and passes **Coverage for All (A880/S1572)**? None, in my view. Please pass these bills now!

Sincerely yours,

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