

My name is Silvia Sandoval, a resident of Montgomery County in Germantown. I am reaching out to request your support in ensuring access to medical care for immigrants, as, according to 2023 statistics, 50% of immigrants in the United States lack health insurance. As a Case Manager, I have witnessed this issue firsthand, particularly in the case of Mr. Jonathan and his children, who are facing a serious situation. After losing his wife to thyroid cancer, Mr. Jonathan came to the U.S. hoping to access adequate healthcare for his children, but he encountered the reality of being unable to receive treatment due to his immigration status and lack of insurance.

Mr. Jonathan's children were diagnosed with stomach and thyroid cancer, respectively. Despite receiving care at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), they have been unable to continue necessary treatment due to lack of documentation and the inability to access medical coverage. Each medical visit is an unsustainable economic burden, and each day without treatment puts the children's health at great risk, especially as one of them battles thyroid cancer.

This issue is not isolated. According to the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, undocumented immigrants are 30% less likely to receive preventive medical care and are more likely to receive diagnoses of serious illnesses in advanced stages. Lack of adequate healthcare access not only worsens health conditions but also creates an unsustainable economic burden on immigrant families.

It is urgent to implement programs that provide basic health coverage for vulnerable immigrants, like Mr. Jonathan's family. Additionally, medical services must be improved, access to community clinics and hospitals expanded, and medical staff trained to understand the specific needs of the immigrant population. Access to healthcare should be a fundamental right for all, not a privilege.

I urge you to consider inclusive policies that provide basic health coverage and strengthen health services for immigrants. These measures will not only save lives but also reduce long-term economic burdens by preventing avoidable medical emergencies.

I appeal to your sense of justice and humanity to allow families like Mr. Jonathan's to fight for their future with dignity. Your support is crucial in creating a fairer, more accessible, and inclusive healthcare system for everyone.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am available for any additional information and hope to gain your support in ensuring that families like Mr. Jonathan's receive the healthcare they so desperately need.

Sincerely,
Silvia Sandoval
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