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**Mailbag: We need universal health care**

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During the campaign, Democratic nominee Clinton told Bernie Sanders that she had tried very hard to get better health care during Bill Clinton's administration and it was not possible. Why? How has the pharmaceutical companies and HMOs (Health Maintenance Organizations) got the power to run our health care system?

It is not health care, it is sickness care. Cuba has better health care than the U.S.A. We need universal health care. Canada has, and some cry that optional surgeries are put on a waiting list. Emergencies are done immediately. How come we don't hear about the United Kingdom? What's the deal with health care in Germany? France? If everyone had health care it would cost much less. All of us need the same care. All being cared for is more Christian than care for only the few. Closing the door on some is wrong. Currently, a huge percent of children have no health care. Sick kids become ill adults.

We need universal health care. How do we get out from under the power of HMOs and the pharmaceuticals? Stay alert as to what Congress is doing! Write your Congress and the president. Phone Congress and the president.

Be heard! Make noise!