Medical debt is a barrier to health care

- 60% of people with medical bill issues and 65% of uninsured individuals put off or postponed getting the health care they needed.

Medical debt can ruin credit

- 40% of people with medical bill issues received a lower credit score rating. In 2019, more than $81 billion in medical debt was reported on consumer credit reports as unpaid medical bills in collection.

Medical debt strains financial health

- 37% of people with medical bill issues used up all their savings to pay for their medical bills.
- 31% of people with medical bill issues took on credit card debt.
- 26% of people said they were unable to pay for basic necessities such as food, rent, and heat due to medical debt or an issue with a medical bill.

WE CAN FIX THE MEDICAL DEBT PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTRY.

Work with lawmakers and hospitals/health systems to advance and strengthen consumer-friendly policies.

Modify hospital billing/collection practices that currently contribute to economic instability.

Inform policymakers of problems resulting from unaffordable health care costs, medical debt and aggressive collection practices.

Inform the general public about charity care provided by hospitals.