

Letter to *The Washington Post*

Meyerson's excellent article [A Dickens of a President, Aug. 22] effectively explained the roadblocks to providing health insurance for children in families with modest means. That same metaphor also could be used to illustrate another point. Tens of millions of Americans – those with and without health insurance – live in daily fear that a serious illness or injury could bring on crushing medical debt or even bankruptcy. As Oliver Twist said, we should have more – and that should start with adequate, affordable health insurance coverage for all Americans. Nobody should end up in the “poorhouse” because they become sick.

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