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Dear Council Members

I am a retired pediatrician living in Sebastopol. I grew up and attended medical school in Canada.

Since then, I have trained and worked in medicine on both sides of the border, including 12 years at Kaiser Santa Rosa.

From a Canadian perspective, universal health care has been a resounding success. Canadians marvel at how many Americans cling to a healthcare system, which costs its citizens twice as much per capita, while offering poorer medical outcomes across the board.

The prevailing view in Canada is one of dismay that Americans can't see how much better universal health care is compared to the system that is so broken in the United States.

I will leave it to others to spell out the innumerable advantages to Medicare for All. I will simply leave you with the reminder that we, too, could have

“Better health care at half the cost.”

Yours truly,

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