My name is Steven Meizlish, and I’m the owner of Columbus Ohio based Marcy Adhesives. Marcy, formed in 1973,

manufactures automotive replacement parts of automotive glass. My function with the company includes managing

operations, product development, machine design, acquisition and implementation. Marcy is a leader in applied

adhesives solutions for automotive glass replacement and currently sells and exports to 28 different countries worldwide.

We have a strong reputation for innovation, quality and competitiveness. We currently own 3 US patents, and 2 EU patents

of my designs and inspiration. Also, we currently have filings an additional 2 US Patents, 1 EU more EU paten, and 2

Japanese patents. Our plans are to grow and expand in Ohio, but we are faced with rising costs that hamper

our future.  Among them are rising health care costs.

Today I am here to advocate for Single Payer Health Coverage, as I believe it is necessary not only as a moral imperative,

but also as a economic imperative. I believe the that cost-to-value ratios of our current private insurance-driven system

disproportionately disadvantages American businesses who are not in the health care business.  I furthermore believe

that manufacturing companies such as Marcy are faced with escalated costs well beyond that of our worldwide competitors

that has the effect of making us less competitive in world markets.

I am here today to express my frustration with soaring health insurance costs that I believe have been foisted upon us by unfairly

by the for-profit American Insurance Industry. This industry profits from denying coverage and jacking up rates.  This for-profit

industry is unhealthy for the average American citizen and business.

Marcy’s Health Care is currently provided by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. After years of continuous premium

increases ( I can’t remember a single year where there wasn’t an increase), Anthem decided they needed to raise Marcy’s

premium by a staggering 41% in 2017. I have never seen such an increase in 35 years! When I demanded an explanation for

for this preposterous increase, their answer was - " We aren’t even sorry for the increase as our costs have risen and we need

to make adjustments for them”. Have they? I mean the costs? They actually rose by 41%.  That’s not what our President says.

Naturally, as a businessman, I asked for competitive bids from United Healthcare, Medical Mutual and Aetna.   Surprising,

I found that each company had nearly identical pricing for similar products. Then I took a different tack and tried to compare Marcy’s

claims costs to our premiums costs and determine how much profit Anthem was making on our policy.  Again, I hit a brick wall

when I learned that it is against Ohio State Statute for Marcy or any Ohio business to Obtain its own yearly claims figures from Anthem and others

due to privacy concerns.  After learning I had little to no bargaining leverage to obtain better rates, I had to raise my customers’ prices

to cover the added expense.

Since the founder of Marcy, my father Art, passed away 7 years ago, I have been taking care of many of my surviving mother’s

financial and health care needs.  She is 86 years old, and has been well taken care of by Medicare.  In fact, I have compared her costs

to her benefits, and believe that her coverage is twice as good as any coverage I can obtain on the open (supposedly free market).

I believe Medicare is as good as it gets because they have taken such good care of my mother, and I think its only fair and right that

Medicare can be available for me and every other American wanting.  And yes, I do trust the government more than I trust the private

Heath Insurance Industry to provide my health care and the health care for my devoted employess.

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