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CANCER SURVIVOR

Doug Ulman

Doug Ulman is a three-time cancer survivor and president of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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It's about time

What a year. Many of us in America's cancer community are heartened to see our leaders tackling the grave problems we've been highlighting for years.

A cancer diagnosis should not mean that Americans face financial ruin because their treatment costs exceed an annual insurance cap. Nor should cancer survivors face a lifetime of being denied coverage because of a pre-existing health condition. We know for a fact that more Americans who lack adequate insurance die from cancer. In this age, in this country, that is completely unacceptable.

While the legislative process has not been perfect, we are on the cusp of a historic opportunity. The current health-care system has big gaps and passage of this reform effort will help ensure that more Americans will have access to health care. Both bills ensure that there will be no annual or lifetime coverage limits and both bills prohibit discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions, like cancer.

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