

*The Amherst Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Spotlight*  
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At our last Social Justice meeting we talked about the current health care debate in Washington and the pending legislation. We decided to solicit remarks from the UUSA congregation and asked the following question: **What thoughts/comments do you have concerning the current health care debate in Washington?** Ellie Manire-Gatti responded with the following.

*I believe that health care is a human right and that this country needs universal single payer health care. Since the United States come from the three Abrahamic religions that call upon us to treat our brothers and sisters like ourselves we have no alternative. As a senior citizen, I receive good health care because of Medicare; a baby in the slums or barrios deserves the same care. This will be expensive, and should be paid for as each individual is able to pay.*

If anybody has further thoughts about this important issue, send them along to Bob Berwick and we'll publish them either with or without attribution in our next newsletter.