



Praise for Free Clinic

I am writing to commend the work being done for our county by the Moore Free Care Clinic.

As our health care system becomes increasingly fragmented and many employers are unable to afford insurance for their employees, many more of our neighbors are finding themselves without health coverage.

The end result can certainly be financial ruin in the event of catastrophic illness, but more commonly and more insidiously the lack of health insurance often leads to delayed diagnosis and treatment for what are often very curable or controllable medical conditions.

As a practicing internist, I see this on a day-to-day basis, even among patients with insurance coverage who struggle to pay co-pays for office visits and medications. For the uninsured the situation is even more dire. Paying for gas to get to work or food for their family often takes precedence over buying medications to treat high blood pressure or diabetes.

It has been my privilege to volunteer with the Moore Free Care Clinic since its inception, and the service it provides is invaluable to our community and its residents. The ability to receive quality medical care and medication assistance is a true gift and I have witnessed firsthand the gratitude our patients express.

I also appreciate the wonderful generosity of the community in terms of volunteer and financial support.

Until the time arrives where the political will is present to truly address universal health care coverage, organizations such as the Free Clinic will be a crucial safety net for our most vulnerable citizens. I hope that those of us in the community that are privileged to have health care coverage will choose to support the Moore Free Care Clinic in its mission to care for the uninsured.

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