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One bishop on health care reform

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Bishop Gabino Zavala, a Los Angeles auxiliary and bishop-president of Pax Christi USA, has an op-ed piece in his local newspaper, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*: Protecting working families in health reform

Here are some highlights:

As debate over health care reform comes down to the wire in Congress, it's essential that elected officials put the needs of struggling families ahead of special interests and partisan politics. ...

For many decades, religious leaders and faith-based organizations have made the case that a broken health care system makes a mockery of our nation's ideals and values. Catholic bishops have been leading advocates for universal health care as a fundamental human right, not simply a luxury for the privileged few. ...

There are several important and often contentious issues that must be addressed in the coming days. ...

One of the most critical challenges that lawmakers have yet to adequately resolve is the obligation to ensure that health care reform truly makes coverage affordable. ...

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