



Medicare for All Benefits to Local Public Agencies Template for Testimony

(90 second version)

MFA Benefits to [Cities, Counties, School Districts, etc.] script template

Hi. I'm _____ [your name] a resident here in _____ [city name] for over _____ [number] years. I'm here to advocate for Medicare For All, a Single Payer Universal Healthcare system to service all who live in America, because it would be right for [city, county, school district, etc. name].

Over the past 60 years, 58 other countries established similar systems and pay half of what the US pays for healthcare. Why can't we in the US do the same? **Think about it.** Scientific studies show that with Medicare For All we can make healthcare **a right** for all of our people while **saving billions of taxpayers' dollars and saving countless lives.**

As the richest nation in the world, we should have Medicare For All because:

1. **It's right for our communities.** It would include all medications, dental, vision, long term care, mental health and addiction treatment, with **no co-pays or deductibles, or other hidden charges.** We could stop worrying that a single illness or accident will bankrupt us.
2. **It's right for our businesses.** Medicare For All unties healthcare from employment. Workers are free to change jobs, or start their own businesses. It means no extra medical liabilities for Workers Comp or property insurances. It will make **America globally competitive** once again.
3. **And finally, it's right for our [city, county, school district, etc.].** Under Medicare For All, public agencies could actually be made completely exempt from contributing to the Trust Fund. **So, you do the math.** That 10 to 50% budget windfall could be used to fund many more of our public needs.

There has never been an easier decision for this [city council, county board, school board, etc.] to make.

It's time for us all to demand Medicare For All, because it's the right thing to do for our families, our businesses, and especially for our [city, county, school district, etc.].

Thanks.