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To the editor:

Change continues to swirl about America's health care system as Republicans press ahead with plans to alter or replace the ACA. These changes will almost certainly increase the number of uninsured here in Indiana. The strain this will put on our local providers, already dealing with escalating levels of homelessness and drug addiction, will be significant.

Our local Volunteers in Medicine Clinic stands as a bulwark against the despair and misery that lack of insurance adds to those suffering from illness. It has never been more central to the fabric of Monroe County. The clinic welcomes the disenfranchised and dispossessed who otherwise would have no place to go for regular medical care.

As a board member and physician volunteer, I see the impactful work our VIM Clinic does to help alleviate the suffering and ameliorate the lives of our fellow citizens. It is an irreplaceable resource that has stood the test of time and stands ready to help far into the future.

So, regardless of the national and local challenges facing those less fortunate among us, our local Volunteers in Medicine Clinic will continue to offer care to those who would otherwise fall through the cracks in our system.

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