

VIM supports all

To the editor:

Both individually and collectively, we face significant problems with our health care system. It is so expensive that many cannot afford it, and so complex that patients and providers alike have difficulty navigating its administrative layers. And of course, it has become so toxic politically that our parties now essentially refuse to work together to improve it.

Among the results of all this is a system that costs more than that of any other nation, and that leaves millions either facing ruinous bills or simply going without quality health care.

Here in Bloomington, we are fortunate to have an institution dedicated to providing care for those who have fallen through the cracks. Volunteers in Medicine, which has been serving our community for the past decade, is committed to ensuring that the neediest in our community have access to dental and medical care regardless of ability to pay.

Since inception, medical, dental and lay volunteers have provided more than 142,000 hours of primary and preventive services. This assistance is provided without charge and ensures that anyone in need will receive quality care. I encourage you to support this vital organization until we have a more comprehensive solution that serves all.

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