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Seeing in the Friedman report that we can save billions overall while providing comprehensive health care secures my support of the Colorado Health Care Co-operative. My name is William Semple. I have worked as a therapist for over 20 years in a Community Mental Health Center in Colorado. <sup>12 YEARS TIME</sup> ~~Over the years~~, I have known and worked with many individuals who have not received timely, needed care because their disability prevented them from negotiating the application and appeal process to obtain benefits to be able to afford needed care. With the complexities of the ACA and Exchange, those with chronic mental illnesses will still likely be among those without coverage, some of them ending up in jail for minor offenses, with all the associated costs, for themselves and the people of Colorado. I've also known those who had to curtail their working hours to be able to maintain the disability status