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young pediatric dentist from Hastings that comes to our town, Grand Island, a couple days a week and provides pro bono care for the underserved population of our town. We have a very high, young Latino population that doesn't have the wherewithal to get dental care, and she's able to come in and provide these services for free and just does a fantastic job. And my whole point is just to assure all of the body here that there is pro bono work by dentists all over the state of Nebraska going on, and without them our underserved population would be in sad shape today. I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Byars, if he'd like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you. Thank you for giving me some time, Senator Aguilar. I think these are the points that...and we appreciate that very much in your statements because, yes, and as the debate has gone on and I think more and more of the pro bono work that is done by dentists in the state of Nebraska. And the University of Nebraska Medical Center dental school, I think Dr. Johnson mentioned, and Senator Jensen, send buses out into communities. They bring a bus into my community of Beatrice, within 40 miles of the dental school, to transport individuals that don't have dental care available to them to the university to receive treatment. There is coverage. There is insurance coverage to protect the poor from anyone that would make a mistake, and I would say it would have to be a mistake. Senator, I can't imagine any dentist coming into the state of Nebraska from Kansas or anywhere else going through the process of getting a temporary license and wanting to practice shoddy dentistry. They are doing it because of their feeling and their compassion to really, truly wanting to help, and I believe this in my heart. I do. And they have malpractice insurance. They have to be covered in order to be able to practice. Now, can we argue about whether the legal system makes those civil opportunities available to every one of these poor people? We do have legal aid. We have areas that people can go for assistance but, yes, but I think that's another question. The point here is are we going to make this so difficult that dentists are going to say, hey, listen, if I have more restrictions than I would normally have under my practice, what