

Julio Tamayo's Testimony:

“My name is Julio Tamayo, and I am also a representative for American GI Forum. In addition to representing veterans as Rigo mentioned, we also work with seniors, lower income, Spanish and Mixteco speaking residents.

I am here today because I feel that my voice and the voice of many community leaders did not resonate and influence the Department of Insurance's draft regulations. We sent the Department a letter in September, one in January, and here we are today...once again defending the use of affinity group discounts.

I would like to reiterate to this committee that any discount--especially when you're living paycheck to paycheck--matters. Affinity group discounts enable people in my community to save hundreds on their auto insurance every year.

Taking away these programs will only hurt those who live in my community and we feel that no one is taking our concerns seriously and the Department will continue pushing for these regulations that they are 'best' for us. We are here to speak for our community and hope the Committee will not allow for the CDI to take our discounts away.