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Consumer Reports Health's "Cover America Tour" Comes to Nashville on June 26

Nationwide Road Tour To Highlight Problems American Families Face Getting Affordable, High Quality Health Care

NASHVILLE, TN -- *Consumer Reports Health's Cover America Tour* is coming to Nashville on Thursday, June 26, to highlight the difficulties Americans are facing getting the health care they need and the medical and financial burdens families are carrying as a result. The Cover America Tour will spend the afternoon at Centennial Park interviewing Nashville area residents about their health care stories and will hold a news conference with the Tennessee Health Care Campaign at 12:30pm.

The Cover America tour is traveling across the country by RV this summer to listen to Americans talk about their experiences with our nation's health care system. As the Cover America crew travels from coast to coast, they are posting videos of people talking about the challenges they've experienced and blogging with updates about the tour at www.CoverAmericaTour.org.

"There's plenty of evidence that our health care system is broken," said Meg Bohne, Campaign Organizer for Consumers Union, nonprofit publisher of *Consumer Reports*. "But it's important to remember that there are real lives and families behind all the statistics and data that point to the need for reform. The Cover America Tour aims to put a face on the problems Americans are experiencing and to make sure their voices are heard as the debate over health care reform heats up."

WHAT: Cover America Tour stop in Nashville

WHEN: Thursday, June 26, 11:30am-3pm

News conference at 12:30pm

Interviewing local residents before and after the news conference

WHO: Meg Bohne, Cover America Campaign Organizer

State Reps. Brenda Gilmore, Janis Sontany & Ben West

Molly Secours, local resident who incurred significant debt because of uncovered medical expenses related to cancer treatments

Christy Cohen, whose mother-in-law can't afford the supplemental policy she needs to cover dialysis treatment

Lori Smith, Tennessee Health Care Campaign Organizer

WHERE: Centennial Park Special Events Shelter in the back of the park (accessible from the park's front entrance off West End Avenue or the back of the park from Park Place, off 25th Ave.)

VISUALS: RV with Cover America banner

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