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The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and the School of Health Sciences co-sponsored the forum in the Campus Center Event Room.

Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, convened the forum. Interim Dean Bess Kathrins of the School of Health Sciences moderated the panel discussion and question-and-answer session.

In addition to Torres, the panel included state Sen. Jim Whelan, D-2nd, Steven Blumberg, senior vice president and executive director of AtlantiCare Health Solutions, and Justine Ceserano, New Jers

2. How is requiring everyone to get health insurance not socialism?

Ceserano said, "We all pay for the uninsured," and more people being able to get medical treatment "will lead to a more productive nation." Whelan added, "These are the kinds of arguments that were used against Social Security and child labor laws. We don't do that anymore."

3. Why not just pay the \$95 fine for not being insured if you are a student, rather than buy more expensive coverage?

Torres said that is one's right, but it's "short-sighted." He said if you fall off your bike and are seriously injured, an average hospital stay could cost you \$30,000 if you don't have coverage.

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