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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Darrin Grondel**, Vice President of Traffic Safety and Government Relations for the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility

Although there were far fewer vehicles on the roads during the pandemic, traffic deaths rose more than 7% in 2020 to a 13-year high. Mr. Grondel discussed grants awarded by the Governors Highway Safety Association and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility to help states keep Americans safe from alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers.

**Issues covered:**

**Drunk/Drugged Driving  
Traffic Safety**

**Length: 8:58**

2. **Marshall Allen**, reporter for ProPublica, where he covers the health care industry, author of *"Never Pay the First Bill: And Other Ways to Fight the Health Care System and Win"*

Americans pay about twice as much per person for healthcare than the citizens of other developed nations, and about 1 in 6 of has medical debt in collections. Mr. Allen advised consumers to make sure each medical bill is itemized, and to check the billing codes to make sure the bill is accurate and priced fairly, before paying it. He also explained how doctors are incentivized to perform many treatments and tests whether they are needed or not.

**Issues covered:**

**Consumer Matters  
Personal Health**

**Length: 8:11**

3. **David Rabadi**, mental health advocate, National Speaker for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, author of *"How I Lost My Mind and Found Myself"*

41 percent of Americans reported anxiety and depression symptoms in 2020, up from 11 percent in 2019. Mr. Rabadi explained why many people struggling with mental illness try to hide it from others. He offered encouragement to seek help.

**Issues covered:**

**Mental Illness  
Suicide**

**Length: 5:07**