

Behind the fight against corporate negligence



IN THIS EPISODE

How does the struggle for healthcare justice intersect with the movement to protect consumers? How do regulations on corporations and their products benefit us all? **Is putting profit above consumer safety really "good business?"** What's essential to winning Medicare for All?

To find out, we spoke with **Andrew McGuire**, a lifelong trauma prevention specialist and grassroots activist who lives in Sonoma County, California. He's an MacArthur fellow and Emmy award-winning filmmaker who has produced films related to his work in trauma prevention. Andrew's also the executive director of Code WACK's parent organization, California OneCare, and a strong single-payer advocate.

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What sparked your interest in trauma prevention?

"I was severely burned when I was seven years old - on my 7th birthday - and went through four hospitalizations, about a year and a half of recovery and that was a major traumatic event of my childhood." – **Andrew McGuire**

In which corporate arenas have you worked?

"...as an activist ...[I've] taken on pajama manufacturers, the Cotton Council, and then later on, I worked on getting cigarettes that wouldn't ignite fires, wouldn't cause bedding and couches to catch fire, and taking on the tobacco industry who fought that – that was 32 years of a fight – and the auto industry not putting in airbags and the gun industry ... and gun control"
– **Andrew McGuire**

What's it going to take to get a healthcare system that works for everybody?

"It's very simple. We need a huge financial investment in a long-term campaign for single payer, a major investment, because we have to battle the hundreds of millions of dollars the other side will gladly spend to keep preying on the sick and the vulnerable " – **Andrew McGuire**

Helpful Links

[Fire safe cigarette](#), *Wikipedia*

[How California and Other States Can STOP Murder by Fire--Fire-Safe Cigarettes Now!](#), *The Trauma Foundation*

[Children's Sleepwear Regulations](#), *Consumer Product Safety Commission*

[Children's pajamas don't always meet flammability standards; here are ways to avoid dangerous products](#), *Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group*

[Airbags Have Saved Tens of Thousands of Americans... and Industry Obstruction Cost Three Times As Many](#), *Center for Effective Government*

[How Airbags Changed the Auto Industry](#), *The Takeaway*

[Lack of Gun Industry Accountability](#), *EVERYTOWN for Gun Safety*

[Seeds of a Gun Control Movement](#), *SF Gate*

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Andrew McGuire Biography

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