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I am a 63 year old woman writing to explain why I feel health care for all Oregon is necessary. I unfortunately have been born into a family with a genetic predisposition for a variety of ailments including asthma, Chronic depression, high blood pressure, eye problems, Chronic pain due to scoliosis, arthritis, and a failed back surgery, heart issues, neurofibromatosis, and CVA's. I exercise and eat right. I try to live my life in a positive way, however after I found my blood pressure to be at 200+ over 100+ even though I was taking two different kinds of blood pressure medicine, I chose to retire early rather than die on the job especially since in my position I often had young children in my care.

I now have no insurance as the cobra payments would take the majority of my retirement income. My options are poor at best. I am struggling to make ends meet and find myself taking only part of the medications I am prescribed due to their high cost. The vast majority of other western countries look at health care as a human right. Many people die each year due to lack of health care in this country. Let us here in Oregon set the example for the country by showing that we care about all of our citizens. We can do this by passing the health care for all Oregon bill.