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House Committee on Health Care

I am writing in strong support of the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan – HB 2922.

Out Of Control Costs

I am a 55 year old man living in Bend, Oregon. I am like many people in Oregon and across the country who think our current healthcare system is too complicated, too expensive and does not cover enough people. Despite the fact that I put forth the effort to keep myself fit and eat a very healthy diet, I am paying \$370 per month for a \$2500 deductible health insurance policy. Not only do my insurance payments increase every year, but doctors now charge exorbitant fees for things that used to be included in an office visit. This out of control escalation of medical costs is going to bankrupt us all, and everyone knows it.

There Is A Better Way

The profit driven system we have today is clearly out of control. Profit driven industries are fine for consumer products, but for healthcare it is not acceptable. We have no choice whether to purchase medical care or not, it is a matter of life and death for all of us at some point in our life.

A Single Payer System Is A Proven System

A single payer plan like the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan (HB 2922) is clearly the answer. Lower administrative costs, medical costs controls, coverage for everyone is what the people of Oregon need and want. It is time to stop protecting the profiteers in healthcare and start taking care of the people of Oregon.

Please support Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Plan – HB 2922

Thank You

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