



OREGON STATE SENATE

January 7, 2015

Co-Chairs Sen MonnesAnderson & Rep Greenlick
Joint Interim Committee on Health Care Transition
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs:

It is kindly requested the Committee Administrator post this letter and it's attachment to OLIS for this Friday's meeting.

Over the past six months, we have heard from numerous individuals in regard to Republicans or Democrats are opposed or supporting this or that part of the Cover Oregon's insurance exchange now under discussion. Oddly for once, both the Oregon Republican Party and Oregon Democratic Party platforms appear to support health care reforms creating affordable access to health care for individuals and small businesses i.e. a form of the exchange.

Attached is the Oregon Republican Party platform extracts regarding health care outlining the party's position dated August 10, 2013.

Attached is the Oregon Democratic Party platform dated June 27, 2010 regarding health care which is slightly vaguer but appears supportive none-the-less.

Hopefully, having the written positions of these organizations as part of the record will clarify the real positions of these two statewide parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Boquist
Vice Chairman

Attached:

Oregon Republican Party platform extract
Oregon Democratic Party platform extract





**Oregon Republican Party
2013 Platform**

**as amended
August 10th 2013**

- 7.5 We recognize that violent, radical Islamic Jihadists and other groups are at war with us. We believe that the U.S. Government needs to be clear and forthright about which nations and groups are at war with the United States. We believe that the overreliance on a criminal justice approach to combatting terrorist acts of war is ineffective. The United States will not tolerate terrorist actions or nations that enable terrorism. This in no way legitimizes depriving U.S. citizens of their Constitutional rights.
- 7.6 The United States shall defend its sovereignty and is solely responsible for its security. We oppose movements, such as the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, to cede jurisdiction, to relinquish any control over the United States, its citizens, military, territories or resources, or to give taxing authority in violation of the U.S. Constitution to any world body such as the United Nations, World Court, and the World Trade Organization.
- 7.7 We believe that the continued development of advanced military weapon systems, that ensure the technical and military superiority of the United States, is vital to maintaining defense in the 21st century and preventing any attack on U.S. homeland, its territories, and vital interests.
- 7.8 We affirm that the President of the United States must adhere to the Constitutional separation of powers by seeking and receiving Congressional authorization for any act of war.

Government Spending

We believe in efficient and economical government, at all levels, in the performance of their core constitutional functions with the effective use of all our assets. It is vital that the federal government operates within a balanced budget. There will be no unfunded mandates or bailouts from any level of government.

Health Care

The ORP supports health care reforms that will lower costs and maintain quality health care delivered in a free-market based system. Families and individuals have the sole responsibility and right to make their own health care decisions. We advocate the repeal of the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" and any efforts to implement similar efforts at the state level. We support the protection of the physician-patient relationship, promotion of competition, quality healthcare and patient choice in which the consumer, not the provider, controls payments. The Republican Party supports:

- 9.1 Eliminating government barriers or incentives that limit the ability to make healthcare choices, limit options and result in increased costs for individuals, families, groups and employers.
- 9.2 Removing barriers in Oregon law to the marketing of health care and insurance solutions.
- 9.3 The fundamental and inalienable right of an individual to seek out and pursue the healthcare of their choosing.
- 9.4 We are committed to aggressively pursuing tort reform legislation to help avoid the

Platform of the Democratic Party of Oregon for 2010

Adopted June 27th, 2010

We, the members of the Oregon Democratic Party, commit ourselves to seeking a better future for the present generation and for generations to come. This platform is a guide to the principles and positions by which we intend to fulfill that commitment. We recognize our rights and responsibilities as citizens of our state, our nation, and the entire global community. We hold that the ancient goals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness should be guaranteed for everyone. And we express our confidence that those goals can be maintained while sustaining the interdependent web of life on this planet.

As Oregon Democrats, we assert that the citizens of our state and our country are the government, we hold up the Bill of Rights and derived civil liberties as the enduring standard of liberty, and we firmly oppose abrogation of those rights and liberties in the name of governmental convenience or security. Where these rights and liberties are not fully realized, we pledge to help everyone within our borders to regain them. We invite all Americans to join with us to re-establish our two-century old democracy as a beacon of virtue that is admired all over the world.

1) Oregon Democrats: Our Responsibilities and Rights as Individuals and Family Members

As Oregon Democrats we affirm the inalienable right of every individual to be treated with dignity and respect. We believe that Oregonians must be able to achieve security for themselves and for their families, however they define them. We reaffirm an individual's right to reproductive freedom and end-of-life choice. The basic necessities of life – food, shelter, health care and family wage jobs – should be available to Oregonians in all parts of our state, whether rural, suburban, or urban. We believe the most vulnerable in our society should receive adequate protection from neglect and abuse, especially children and the medically fragile elderly. We respect the human dignity of every individual, regardless of inherent characteristics, religion, economic/social status, or any other quality that may define a person's identity. We believe the same high standards should be applied to all within the borders of our state and beyond.

- **Shelter, Food, and a Living Wage: Securing the Basic Necessities of Life**
- **Health Care: Promoting a Healthy Life**
- **Human Rights: Guaranteeing Equal Rights for all People**

2) Oregon Democrats: Our Responsibilities and Rights as Members of a Community

As members of our local, state and national communities, we recognize the benefits we have received through our communities and commit to our responsibility towards a better future for our children and grandchildren. We embrace the Social Contract that binds us to other members of our communities, a contract that asks