

*Testimony submitted via email.*

Dear Mitch Greenlick, Representative

For those of you that care to listen, and honestly, I fear there are precious few of you anymore, hear at least this one thing:

I would not be working for the state of Oregon if it were not for the health care plans and choices offered.

Health care costs are out of control, it is true. But that is not a fault of mine nor any other worker that works hard for little reward at their job.

It is the fault of greedy corporate figures, way too much waste in the healthcare field, and of politicians who cater to those willing to offer them the highest amount of monetary support.

Rather than cut ours, look to the root of the problem and focus on that.

We serve the State of Oregon just as much as any of you. We do so with pay that is less than we could make in private sector jobs. Each of us does this for various reasons, but mine, with healthcare, is very personal.

Without the healthcare I have now, I would have no choice but to cut my ties with the state of Oregon and go elsewhere for employment, just to afford healthcare.

A budget shortfall there may be, but how dare you lay the sights of your narrow little eyes on me.

If you want to cut costs, look elsewhere.

Take away the 'retreats' budgeted in for agencies across the state. Stop throwing money at the poor before we all become so. Figure out how to actually help, how to create more producers rather than be the enablers.

Actually fight for corporate taxation that is fair rather than roll over and accept it.

But again, whatever you do, stop trying to cut away the few little strings holding your workers, your support, and the very strength of our system, to their jobs.

I'm not going to whine and give a sob story, but I will tell you this- the very idea of this attack disgusts me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Beck