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**HJR 203**

Dear Legislator,

This bill proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing obligation of state to ensure every resident has a constitutional right to health care.

Access to health care is already guaranteed because by law all emergency rooms must provide emergency care to any one coming through their doors.

Even though there is a need for health care, it should not become a constitutional right. The state relies on federal dollars to provide health care, and this is being pulled back.

A mandate which obligates tax payers to provide dollars that may be competing with other needed programs, such as education, is very irresponsible.

Providing health insurance as single-payer isn't the same as providing health care.

Arden Ray

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