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**No on HJR203**

Senator Johnson,

As a constituent, and as the Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Oregon, and a multiple sclerosis sufferer, I am writing you to ask that you reject HJR203.

The reasons are very many, but I want to keep them brief enough to actually be read. first, the responsibility of providing for yourself healthcare is for each individual to decide for his or herself. for some people the decision is to take risks early, and they are responsible for those risks. for others no risks are taken and healthcare is secured immediately. they pay the costs for having less risk, and they get the benefit if they have a big health crisis. Who in Salem is to tell either of the 2 of those people they are wrong for ordering their life in such a way? Because we each pay for our own health insurance we are free to make those decisions for our self, and we place no obligation on others for our choices. This is the nature of a "right" it places no obligation upon others to have.

When you make material products, and services into a right, you are simultaneously creating an obligation upon another person. thus for me to have a right to get my broken arm set, somebody else must be conscripted to set my arm, or to work for no pay to compensate the doctor. In addition to this immoral act, because I am using someone elses money for my healthcare, that person has a moral right to tell me I can or cannot do things that are dangerous only to me. For instance, skateboarding, if there is a fair chance I may need a doctors care after I ride, then the person who is paying for my healthcare can just say no you can't do that it could cost me money. As the saying goes, "He who pays the piper calls the tune"

In addition because this bill creates the illusion that healthcare is for free, it encourages dangerous behavior. This has been shown in many studies, but the most famous one is the seatbelt traffic accident correlation where making seatbelts standard equipment was accompanied by a corresponding increase in traffic accidents due to drivers being more sure of their safety. The difference here is that seatbelts do make you safer, but 1 payer healthcare does not remove risk, it just shifts it from the people who create it to everybody else.

In summary, No on HRJ203, healthcare is not free, it consists of products and services that must be produced and provided.

In Liberty,

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