

"I am from Salem, Oregon. I very much appreciate the members of the Task Force on Universal Health Care volunteering to do this essential and historical work to bring health equity to all residing in Oregon. The "Purposes" to which all of you have committed could not have been better during this time of crisis:

- (1) Improving the health status of individuals, families, and communities;
 - (2) Defending against threats to the health of the residents of this state;
 - (3) Protecting individuals from the financial consequences of ill health;
 - (4) Providing equitable access to person-centered care;
 - (5) Removing cost as a barrier to accessing health care;
 - (6) Removing any financial incentive for a health care practitioner to provide care to one patient rather than another;
 - (7) Making it possible for individuals to participate in decisions affecting their health and the health system;
 - (8) Establishing measurable health care goals and guidelines that align with other state and federal health standards; and
 - (9) Promoting continuous quality improvement and fostering inter-organizational collaboration.
- (10) Creation of a patient outcomes database for evaluating efficacy of individual medical practitioners and practices, data entered directly by patients.

I am presently:

- uninsured
- rejected by OHP
- unable to afford premiums + deductibles under ACA marketplace
- experiencing undiagnosed autoimmune condition that is causing vertigo and atrophy of leg muscles
- unable to qualify for disability due to lack of diagnosis (I don't actually want disability, just access to diagnosis/treatment)
- forced to pay out of pocket for
 - a multitude of substandard/dangerous treatments or complete lack of care
 - bait and switch healthcare billing (charges increased after repeated lower quotes)
- quite alarmed at the:
 - lack of professional accountability for (and independent tracking of) patient outcomes present in the current healthcare industry.
 - presence of extortion with regard to requiring payment for office visits in order to obtain Rx refills.

I hope you can understand I am not a "difficult patient," simply an Anatomy and Physiology instructor able to understand what is and isn't bogus or dangerous "healthcare."

Again, I thank each and every one of you for your commitment.

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