

Hello,

My name is Valori George, and I live in Corvallis, OR. Thank you very much for volunteering to do this essential and historical work on the Task Force on Universal Health Care.

I am now a senior and have Medicare, but for decades I was a single mom without health insurance for myself or my children. I would not wish that situation on anyone. All three of us have had obstacles to overcome due to lack of access to medical care in the past.

One of the reasons I strongly supported and campaigned for Senator Bernie Sanders in both his bids for the presidency was his signature policy of Medicare For All. Obviously that resonated with the younger generations, and hopefully that will be the future for them.

But meanwhile we are living through a horrific pandemic and health crisis, and we can easily see that many other countries - particularly those with universal healthcare - are much more capable of providing timely and effective care even in dire circumstances.

I hope Oregon can lead by example in enacting Universal Healthcare, just as we have done with mail-in voting. Thank you again for your work and commitment,

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