

Hello-

My name is Matt LeMay, and I am a resident of Portland 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.

As a small business owner and freelancer, I live in constant fear of being wiped out by a health emergency--even *with* expensive private insurance. I hope that this Task Force will deliver on this historic opportunity to put Oregon's people, not corporate profits, at the heart of our statewide approach to healthcare.

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

Thank you, and best wishes,  
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