

To: Chair Sen. Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair Sen. Linthicum, and members of the Committee

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I am testifying in writing in favor of SJM2.

And in fact even if our Congressional Legislators cannot accomplish this task, we should definitely try to accomplish a form of this model in a State of Oregon Policy Statement.

While this Memorial Bill is only a recommendation, it is an important statement to make in a world where we know factually by comparisons with other countries, that better health is actually not created by the health care system itself, but is effectively created by a society that respects everyone and their work. I repeat this statement, because it is often overlooked, the health care system does not create better health, societal values creates better health.

And this Memorial states some of those more sustainable values in an attempt to create a statewide system of "Health Care for All". We already know that our current health care system is one of the most expensive in the world, yet it does not provide the same results of good health, that other societies benefit from, within the context of a "health care for all model", more closely designed to our present Medicare system. This Bill simply asks that we support this proven model of good health, at a lower cost for all, so that we can have more state funds for the other sectors of our economy, and thus have a more balanced budget, and live in a more sustainable way.

Thank you,

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