

To the Chair and the Committee,

My name is Robert McMonigal and I live in Oregon. When I came to Oregon, I had not yet found work. Being able to be a part of the Oregon Health Plan for a period of time was essential to my success at remaining a resident and putting me on the path to hopefully live in Oregon for the rest of my life.

As the National discussion wavers on ensuring that healthcare is a right, and veers at the knife's edge of destroying the few protections we have enshrined in national law, it is time for Oregon to once again be a leader in making life better for its citizens and be a model for the rest of the nation by passing SB 770. This bill will end denials of care, reduce administrative waste, and ensure that all Oregonians have healthcare, regardless of their job situation. It will also ease the burden of skyrocketing costs for employers.

I urge the Committee to pass this bill and move Oregon onto the path of Health Care for All.

Thank you.

Robert McMonigal