

To Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members,

I am writing to support the amendment to SB 770 that establishes the Universal Health Care Commission. This would be an important step forward towards establishing a single payer healthcare system that covers all Oregonians. This healthcare model is wildly successful in every other major country on this planet and has the support of the people.

It is time to end the financial and personal burdens of insurance care, to end administrative waste, and to end denials of care. I have always been privileged enough to have healthcare available to me through an employer - either fully or partially paid for. The system still causes problems though as every time there is a change of job then COBRA must be paid at very high rates for a month to bridge the gap and the insurance carrier usually changes completely which forces changes to doctors and disruption of care with it.

It is time to do what Oregonians want and get on the path to Single Payer with SB 770.

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