

To Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of SB 770. Access to affordable healthcare should be available to all Oregonians. Ideally, universal healthcare would be provided on a federal level. Unfortunately, the current administration is moving in the opposite direction by weakening the Affordable Care Act. Oregon must step up and ensure that its citizens will not go without healthcare. I currently have health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. While I have been fortunate to have been healthy for most of my life, as I age I am developing more health problems. I am concerned that if the Affordable Care Act goes away, I will not be able to obtain or afford health insurance because of pre-existing conditions. I have a friend who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and also has health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. Oregonians should not have to worry whether they will be able to afford or obtain healthcare. We need to establish a commission to explore universal healthcare now.

Thank you.

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