To Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee members:

I support forming a commission to investigate Universal Health Care for Oregon. Healthcare in this country is a travesty with many people forgoing care or medications because of the difficulty in paying for and receiving care.

Even I as the recipient of an employer health program have difficulties in receiving coordinated and reasonable care. My health insurance company is one of the larger comglomerates, and many times, their way of "managing" my health care seems to be by denying services, denying reasonable requests for tests, prescriptions and payment. The combined cost for health insurance for my spouse and me is over $700/month or over $8400/year. For the amount of money we are paying, I don't feel that we are getting the "best healthcare in the world."

We lived in Germany for nearly 3 years and despite our unfamiliarity with the healthcare system there and the language, we got much better care there than we do here.

Let's have Oregon lead the way for the rest of the U.S. Let's show how a humane and fair health care system can bring up the collective well-being of all Oregonians.

Thank you,

Christine Yun