

To the Senate Healthcare Committee:

I have deep concerns about the absurd and crippling costs of healthcare. In my case I need extended and ongoing dental work as a result of childhood conditions. The dental portion of my insurance does not cover what I need. A healthy, functioning mouth is essential and is equally important to good health as are the other parts of the body; likely more so due to proximity to the brain. I am faced with the choice of either having the work done locally and as a result lose my home here in Oregon in order to pay for it – or travel to Mexico regularly to get the care I need and hang on to my home. This is not acceptable. The solution is within our grasp. Oregonians want Single Payer and we can begin with SB 770. At one time Oregon's conscious innovation and commitment to solving problems paved the way for other states to follow. We can be that leader again.

I appreciate your consideration and your action to resolve this state (and national) healthcare crisis.

Sincerely,

Gracie Campbell