

Senate Committee On Health Care
Chair Laurie Monnes Anderson and members of the committee

RE: HJR 202 Constitutional amendment making affordable health care a right

WE ARE A STRONG NO

This bill creates a fundamental right to ensure access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care. "Ensure access" is empty propaganda that empowers politicians and interest groups to force their agenda. Socialized medical care can't sustain quality care at an affordable price. We don't want to put our life in the hands of government.

The requirement to balance obligations means more taxes will be needed to equal out obligations. Does "every resident" include undocumented aliens? The 2019 session already authorized a study for affordable health care under HB 2447. To know what this bill would authorize and fair transparency, that report should be finished first.

The state must balance health care against the public interest in funding public schools and other essential public services. What does this mean when the emergency clause is put on every bill that promotes a political interest. Does that make every service passed with an emergency clause an essential public service?

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