

Hello,

My local paper (The Observer - La Grande, Oregon) shared your email address and encouraged readers to send emails with questions about the proposed health care initiative.

Thank you for this opportunity!

The editors of the Observer want me to be frightened because (gasp) my taxes might go up as a result of a statewide system for health care coverage. Well, I am not frightened. I welcome the chance to pay more taxes, as many developed countries require of their citizens) in exchange for the absurd for profit system that we currently have in this country and the beyond absurd amounts that my employer is currently paying for me to have a high-deductible completely mean health care plan.

Please, please realize that not all Oregonians are stupid enough to think that a better system can't be achieved. Please spend time looking at what other developed countries are doing. Take into consideration the peace of mind that their citizens have while growing older without basic health care worries.

I am about to retire and am now facing the reality of paying about \$15,000 per year to have insurance that has a high deductible, until I turn 65. Would my taxes go up by \$15,000 per year if we had a different system? I think not.

There are scare tactics everywhere regarding this idea that would get rid of the middleman and the for-profit investors. Health care for profit equates to slavery, in my opinion. Please spend time looking into the details of this option that many around the world are using. Please let the public know the true cost of what we have now vs the possibilities of more universal health care. Please don't represent the for-profit corporations but instead, the common folks like me and maybe you.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Anne March