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I am writing to express my opposition to the plan for universal health care in Oregon supported by income tax increases.

Based on the performance of state agencies throughout the pandemic and now, and the plethora of new taxes or increased we have had in the past two years in particular, I find the idea of the State running healthcare insurance repugnant. Oregon has antiquated computer systems in many agencies and very poor administration of existing programs such as the Oregon Health Plan. How can we expect that state run insurance for all would be better?

My friends in senior management positions in health care provider businesses who have to deal with the state tell me the already burdensome state regulations are bad enough. I can't imagine what state run health care in Oregon would look like, except to look at existing agencies and cringe.

Stop this! Many already feel Oregon needs change in the legislature and a new governor that does not continue the lowest approval rating in the nation. Super majority party rule has corrupted the system. It seems to work not for the people, but for the principal campaign donor organizations. This attempt to take over health care only reinforces the need for a true government of the people and by the people who represent the majority of Oregonians.

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