Re: Senate Joint Resolution 12

From: Rose DL Hart, Bandon Oregon

I support SJR 12. The existing responsibilities the State of Oregon has to its residents include:

- the freedom of opinion and expression.
- the right to work.
- the right to an education.

None of these can be exercised without health. Because it is within our power to provide "cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care" to all residents, we are obligated to provide it.

In addition our society will benefit. Oregonians will be more productive and safer from communicable diseases. And we cannot afford not to give cost-effective health care to all Oregonians. We are already paying for it in expensive emergency care for the poor and in delayed needed treatment for the middle class.

Thank you for your attention.

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- the freedom of opinion and expression.
- the right to work.
- the right to an education.

None of these can be exercised without health. In that it is within our power to provide "cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care" to all residents we are obligated to provide it.

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