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Measure: SB704

I am a retired nurse practitioner and a Medicare recipient and I strongly support SB 704. Now that Measure 111 has been passed by Oregon voters, the time has come to implement the recommendations of the Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care. I am covered by Traditional Medicare and am finding it harder and harder to find medical providers who will accept this coverage due to the privatization of Medicare by for-profit organizations like Medicare Advantage Plans and other private entities. This expensive and fragmented care only drives up costs. A publicly funded universal health care plan would be much more economical and provide better care. I presently use the Corvallis Clinic for most of my medical needs but may be forced to accept a Medicare Advantage Plan or switch to a different provider. The plan suggested by the Task Force would pay Traditional Medicare providers at a higher rate and allow them to continue to see patients without financial loss as well as providing better coverage for me and other Medicare recipients. I hope that you will vote to implement SB704 so that this process can move forward. Thank you.