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Measure: SB704

I am Dr. Joseph Eusterman, a 93 year old retired internal, occupational and environmental, medicine physician. In 2009, with Professor Gary Jelinek, the 2004 national campaign organizer for Dennis Kucinich, and Adam Klugman, a Portland media strategist, and a nucleus of 5 other Oregon physicians (Paul Hochfeld, Sam Metz, Mike Huntington, Gene Uphoff, Bob Seward) co-founded the Mad As Hell Doctors of Oregon. The name for the group was suggested by Adam and soon agreed to when we doctors all remembered the unnecessary suffering and deaths, especially of children, from the lack of access to health care. Our cross-country tour of 28 cities with 40+ venues revealed a hunger for change amid personal testimonies of shocking profit over people examples when audiences took the microphone for the "Mad As Hell Minute" segment of our rallies.

Given that brief background on our ongoing tragic profit-driven national healthcare, the passage of Measure 111, the remarkable work and report of the UHC Task Force, Oregon has a truly golden opportunity to again provide leadership to America and finish the job on an issue of even greater importance than beaches and bottles, death and dying, decriminalizing drugs, etc. The Legislature must not fail to complete and install this enormous public good.

Thank you.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

pnhp.org/what-is-single-payer/faqs

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