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I am writing in support of SB 704, the next step toward achieving universal healthcare in Oregon. I strongly believe healthcare is a human right!

I remember being a new mom and the first time my child got sick in the middle of the night; he was struggling to breathe and I hesitated to take him to the ER because I didn't know if it would be covered by insurance. What a ridiculous thought for a parent to have to consider!

I remember the time my child broke his leg and naively not thinking about whether it would be covered by insurance, because in my mind how could a broken leg not be covered. That is when I learned about high deductible insurance plans, like my own. That is when I learned that what seems obviously medically necessary is something I would have to fight for.

Doesn't everyone have stories like mine, probably much worse? Why don't we care enough about our neighbors, care enough about other human beings to finally provide healthcare for all, because it is the right thing to do.

It's time, it's past time, for the legislature to take this next step toward universal healthcare in Oregon and pass SB 704.

Thank you for your time.