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Hello,

I am fortunate enough to be able to pay a whopping \$800+ in insurance premiums each month which gives me the luxury of affording an excellent plan with a \$6900 maximum out of pocket expense for myself. This may not sound like such a great deal, but when you've been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia that requires regular hospitalization and an upcoming transplant, this plan and \$800+ monthly payments become an incredible offer. What I know, though, is the majority of people cannot afford to choose a plan such as this and, as a result, will not be able to afford a transplant or have as many options available to them. Healthcare, in my opinion, is a human right and one that this country is failing miserably to provide to its citizens. There is no reason in the time of tax cuts for the wealthy, extreme military budgets, and corporate socialism that people should have to decline health care simply because they cannot afford necessary recommended care or when a procedure/surgery/transplant becomes necessary. Oregon is one of the highest tax states in the nation. It is far past time that a portion of these funds were used to ensure the health of Oregonians without them having to go into bankruptcy or decline treatment for themselves or their family member(s).

Thank you for your time and consideration.