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Universal Healthcare is important to me because even though I am old now and will not be helped by it, probably, I see this as helping ALL my fellow Oregonians into the future.

I have struggled with affordable healthcare for most of my life until just the past two years when I could afford insurance. I was on OHP before that for about 3 years and it was very helpful to discover from long delayed lab work, WHY I had so many issues to deal with. Imagine if we all could find out what was negatively effecting us without breaking the bank! While on OHP I had the misfortune of constantly having a number of my doctors leaving the practices while in mid-stream.

Oregonians should not have to struggle to find out what their health issues are, and then struggle to find affordable help to deal with them. Universal Health care is a right that will keep all of us healthier and more invested in our working lives, instead of worrying all the time about how to make it all work correctly. It will free up doctors to just concentrate on what their patients need, instead of all the red tape and paperwork of the insurance companies.

SB 704 is the critical next step needed on the path forward to create an affordable and equitable system to meet Oregon's constitutional obligation , and the legislature's goal of health equity.

Sincerely,  
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