Submitter: Teresa Smith-Dixon

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB704

Dear Oregon Legislature,

I urge you to support SB 704. I have read the Universal Health Care Task Force Report and believe this process to ensure Health Care for all people of Oregon to continue. I have worked as a Clinical/Medical Social Worker for over 40 years in our state [35 years in Rural NE Oregon] and have seen families destroyed by Medical Debt. We (even as insured individuals) make health care decisions based on the fear of debt, often causing us to postpone seeking care and therefore actualizing negative outcomes. Please keep us moving toward equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high quality and publicly funded health care in Oregon.