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Do this to save money for Oregonians.

Yes, the opposition will drone on that we “can’t afford” this reform of health-care finance. But virtually all studies ever conducted, including the two done specifically for Oregon under guidelines set by our legislature, show that a single-payer system is less expensive. You should be in the front lines pointing out that Oregonians struggling with inflation, among other economic challenges, will get some relief when the system this legislation enables becomes law. The savings don’t come from squeezing providers or patients: the savings come primarily from simplification, even after some significant improvements in benefits.

Don’t forget about equity however. This legislation is a priority now because our current system is broken, treating different patients differently. It offers a way to take away the financial incentives that reward providers for treating some patients instead of others. But isn’t it nice that it also comes at a lower cost than our present confusing and complicated mish-mash?

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