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Good Afternoon.

I support this new attempt to bring statewide healthcare to all Oregon residents. But I don't understand the logic behind making us wait four years to get it. People are in need now, especially with Covid continuing to harm us. Lack of statewide healthcare is an ongoing emergency and calls for immediate action. Bringing back mandatory masking in public places should be part of this, too. Many of us could not isolate or telecommute throughout the pandemic. We were spared this life-threatening disease during lockdown, only to suffer from it after lockdown ended and then bring it home to our families.

Please bear all this in mind as you consider your future course of action. Given that WE, the public, already pay for YOUR care.

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