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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB704

I write personally and as Chair of the Curry County Democrats in support of SB704.

Our Party's platform states, "Healthcare is a basic human right. Everyone should be provided with necessary health services, whenever and wherever needed without suffering financial hardship..."

All Oregonians have the right to healthcare. Passage of Measure 111 (2022) demonstrates that a majority of Oregonians support Universal Healthcare. Even for those of us with existing coverage, navigating systems of care is a difficult enough process without additional requirements of maintaining coverage.

I also argue that the ultimate goal of Universal Healthcare would provide welcome relief to businesses when they are no longer required to provide and manage coverage for employees, allowing them to focus their energies and efforts on their products and services.

Furthermore, a healthy population is more productive. Preventative care is far less expensive.

In summary, I support establishing a Universal Health Plan Governance Board in order to assemble and create a plan to implement a Universal Health Plan beginning in 2027.