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As a registered nurse and a steward in the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, I know first-hand how desperately we need Single Payer. Private health insurance is a nightmare. So many people can't get get the health care they need. Every day in the hospital I see people who didn't get health-care until it was too late, people who deteriorate and die from conditions which could be managed, but whom our for-profit health-care industry abandons. And all this time, the insurance companies are sucking trillions in profits out of us all.

Health-care should be like the fire department. When my house is burning down, the fire department doesn't wait around for an authorization, shake me down for a co-pay, check to see if my house is in or out of network. They put the fire out before the whole block burns down. As a global pandemic grinds on, it should be more obvious than ever: we need insurance companies out of health care, we need Single Payer!