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On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: SB704

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on SB-704. WE THE PEOPLE and We The Oregonians do not want the universal health care of UK, Canada, and Venezuela. People die and get far sicker waiting in lines for specialty care in those countries under those systems and have to wait a year or more to get in for regular check-ups and visits with doctors in those systems and it would be no different for us if we adopted such stupid programs in the pursuit of the lunacy dubbed equity and equality. I have great insurance and a great doctor and i want to keep it that way. Don't give us any Barack Obama fake news promises that we would get to keep them under your system either because we've already received that run around before.

SB 704 has a pre-determined outcome to pursue a state single-payor health plan based on assumptions of magical administrative savings that will drive providers from the state and shoulder everyone else with enormous tax increases to support this fantasy that mark my words WILL BE A GIGANTIC FAILURE. The idea that the state will be successful at a complex entitlement program when they can't manage unemployment, over taxation, forest fires, education, state government payrolls (Workday), or the economy is irresponsible. It's even more irresponsible to pursue such a stupid idea and to dig in deeper in a time of inflation.

Most people in Oregon have healthcare through their employer, and low income are covered through the Oregon Health Plan Medicare coverage, so why push for more when inflation will hit a high this year?

Through the years, the legislature has mandated coverages, which has driven the cost of insurance to be unaffordable to many. So they stepped in to solve the problem they made with a socialist universal coverage plan. This has been a slow feel-good cozy to cover the poor, then they added low-income, then they added the Oregon Health Plan option for small employers, now they want to take over the entire choice of coverage and force everyone to subject the care of their bodies to the government.

America is founded on choice and free will. Universal health care takes away our fundamental right to choose who care for our bodies. Please vote NO on SB-704. Thank you.

