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I live in Eugene Oregon, which has the highest per capita homelessness rate in the country. I volunteer for Egan Warming Center and I work at the Eugene Public Library and see firsthand the effects of a lack of healthcare in my community on a daily basis. I see untreated wounds. Untreated mental health illnesses. Untreated addiction disorders. I have heard over and over again from people who had an accident and couldn't afford the care they needed to recover properly so they live in pain and are unable to work. Their untreated injuries and pain leads them to self medicate in any way they can manage to find some relief. Please begin the process of creating a system where healthcare is seen as a basic human right.