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I am writing in enthusiastic support of SB 704 to establish the single payer governance board. Oregonians have spoken: we demand that every Oregonian have health care that is comprehensive, equitable, and efficient.

Americans die daily as a result of our profit-driven health care system. Oregon's universal health care must be a single payer, nonprofit system in order to ensure truly equal access and equitable outcomes. The governance board is the first step in ensuring that Oregon's state based health care system is created by knowledgeable people who prioritize patients and providers over profits. I urge the state to fully fund and support SB 704 as quickly as possible. Let's get this done and make Oregon a leader as we transition away from the cruel, profit driven health care that leaves so many sick, frustrated, and bankrupt. We can and must do better.