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I oppose SB 1089. This is a step toward the failing socialist health care system we see in Canada and in Europe. We can and should learn from the mistakes of others before spending money and implementing a Universal Health Plan Governance Board. I do not think it is very fair or democratic for the Governor to appoint members to the board and to appoint their successors. If this is for all Oregonians and is a Universal thing, give the people who will be affected the choice to elect their representatives in this arena.

I also think the language is vague and subjective, especially Section 2 "(2) The Universal Health Plan Governance Board established in section 1 of this 2023 Act shall create a comprehensive plan to finance and administer a Universal Health Plan that is responsive to the needs and expectations of the residents of this state by:

- (a) Improving the health status of individuals, families and communities;
- (b) Defending against threats to the health of the residents of this state;
- (c) Protecting individuals from the financial consequences of ill health; "

I think accessibility to health care is important and it allows the individual to make that call and gives them options, but I do not believe it is the State's responsibility to "improve the health status" of it's citizens. What might the State deem as a threat? That seems subjective to me given we live in a world and political climate where words are violence. Does "protecting individuals from the financial consequences of ill health" mean that the State will dictate what we eat, how much we eat and exercise? This may seem dramatic and like an overreaction, but the language is once again vague.

Vote no on SB 1089 to stop government overreach.