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My name is Rachel Levy, and I am a social worker and I work in mental health and suicide prevention. There are many, many reasons that we need universal health care - including the fact that guaranteed health care is suicide prevention. Medical debt and lack of access to needed care are major risk factors to suicide. Oregon should lead the way for the U.S. to join the rest of the industrialized world and provide guaranteed health care for its citizens. Every country with universal health care has far superior health outcomes, superior patient satisfaction, and spends less money on health care overall. Universal health care is the only logical and moral option. The current U.S. health care system is cruel, illogical, outdated and unsustainable. This is why support for universal health care continues to grow, and it is imperative that our legislators listen to the will of the people.