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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4130

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Dear Sirs and Madams;

I am concerned about the high cost of health care. I feel I pay far too much than my budget can handle. Although I am a very healthy senior, prevention of medical bankruptcy is one of my biggest concerns being a person of meager means. I am self employed. I have not qualified for the Oregon Health Plan so I can only afford health sharing. This health share program is one of my biggest expenses yet it pays only a portion of my annual check up.

The only hospital, a nonprofit, in my home town has purchased acres of land, many private practices (all but a few hold outs), and purchased many single family dwellings over the years. It has expanded and preformed huge structural remodeling every year for the last five years or more, though it only has 25 beds.

My former husband was charged three times more for a procedure than the procedure cost in another town. I am afraid to go to our hospital for fear of not being able to pay their prices.

My fellow citizens and I should not have to live in constant fear of medical bankruptcy caused by corporations who make billions of dollars each year from other people's misfortune of getting sick or injured.

Thank you for your kind attention.  
May you stay healthy!