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I am a home health nurse. I drive all over my county to care for patients in their homes. I receive mileage reimbursement at my job. My mileage reimbursement offsets the gas money I spend and the wear and tear on my car. I haven't been able to afford to add my husband to my employer sponsored medical insurance because the cost is so high. I was going to add him soon because he needs it. He is a senior citizen and is retired but is too young for medicare. He needs health insurance. He has been unable to get care for things he needs addressed. I was told the reason the premiums are so high in Oregon for private insurance, is due to the fact we are paying to offset the cost of OHP. OHP our state is proving to illegal aliens and people who dont want to work who are abusing the system. OHP was meant to be temporary assistance. I was on assistance when I was young temporarily. My husband worked hard his whole career. I work very hard and have my whole career. If taxes go up I don't know how I could possibly add him to my insurance plan, or pay for my deductible and out of pocket costs when they arise for either of us. If gas tax and payroll tax go up it will hurt my family tremendously.