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As a native Oregonian (1959) I oppose an unelected official mandating my healthcare. In addition, the verbiage you have chosen is unacceptable. Equivalent typically means a lesser but adequate solution or product. That is not a an acceptable parameter. When discussing a chronic disability an equivalency for drugs or treatment really defines as less than. My husband and I were both disabled by surgeons. I am certified in Ophthalmology but have not worked since 1999 because of a surgeons negligence. Working in the medical community for 15 years, plus an additional 25 years of medical disability may have given me a unique outlook. I have been at your mercy and it can be as threatening and frightening as the stories you have heard. If I may impress one thing upon you, let it be my complete opposition to unelected, possibly unqualified medical personnel determining what is best for the citizens of Oregon.

Thank you for your time,
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