

To The Members of the Healthcare Committee,

I am writing to you to express my concern about SB770. I would hope that as humans with compassion and intelligence you would consider not passing a bill with this kind of restriction on your constituents. You were voted into your positions to represent people in your constituencies and to fight for what is best for them and not what is best for you or for those who have power already in this state. I am a teacher and I am married to a teacher and we recently moved here from out of state because the healthcare provided to teachers was superior to the state we left. My husband and I were looking forward to raising our three-year-old son in a state that values teachers and in fact gave them great health care benefits. If this bill passes we will lose great healthcare in exchange for government bureaucracy. While I understand that there are many people who still don't have access to health insurance, and that is the reason why we left the state we were in, so that we would have more access to affordable health insurance, I do not believe you are providing affordable health insurance for anyone with this bill. It is sad to think of needing to leave Oregon so soon, but if this bill passes we would likely seek a better life elsewhere. As a teacher and someone who values education I would hope you would educate yourselves a lot more on how this bill would affect the people in the state. I think that you are doing a great disservice to your constituents if you pass this bill. Healthcare should be a human right, and it should be something that we make available to all of our constituents. Yet, your version of healthcare for all involves extreme over-taxation of your constituents, punishment of those who don't wish to be strong armed into your government overhaul of their health decisions and choices and the freedom for the government to control doctor and patient choices. Those choices should be made between individuals and their doctors-not boards set up by the OHA. You are pedaling fake health care to those who need it the most in order to pass a bill that will hurt everyone. You won't be providing them health care but government control of their health choices. If you care about helping them then provide access to private insurance and help them access to the kind of care that you have and would expect. Don't cover up your government take over of health decisions with a warm and fuzzy lie about providing health care to all. If you pass this law you will in fact be taking health care away from many, punishing them financially and ensuring financial ruin for the state all while providing the opposite of health care for so many. Shame on those who use their power to abuse and shove through 4,000 laws in session while hiding behind closed doors and making decisions that don't benefit anyone but you. If you are promoting such great bills than don't hide them amidst thousands of other bills that you people won't notice. We are busy raising kids and working just to be able to afford the rising cost of housing and living here—and you take advantage of our business to suppress us and take away what we do have.

Vote no and kill this bill.

Christie