

To Chair Monnes Anderson and Committee Members:

As one of the Mad As Hell Doctors of Oregon and a member of Health Care for All Oregon and Physicians for a National Health Program, you may presume I support SB 770 on principle. I have provided testimony in support of the prior two efforts to pass a single payer health care reform bill through the Oregon legislature. On this occasion, you have a chance to create a Commission to work out details on how to implement a universal health care program for Oregon. I hope there is no doubt in your minds that the current conditions of health care delivery in Oregon are not up to standards and need reform. Preventable deaths, preventable bankruptcies and disabilities are rife and unacceptable, year after year. Failure to act in a manner to fix what is wrong is complicity with a morally indefensible method of financing health care that has persisted far too long.

If you or a family member has not had recent occasion to participate personally in the Oregon health care experience, please just do some research with the [HCAO.org](http://HCAO.org) or [PNHP.org](http://PNHP.org) websites and read some testimonials. We found no lack of stories - people crying out for reform - on our tour of Oregon in 2011 with the Mad As Hell Doctors. I believe the tide is turning in public opinion; you will find much more support for single payer health care reform now than ever before. The savings in administrative waste, the change in course away from profiteering in health care, the disassociation of health coverage from jobs all will pay enormous benefits to the health, welfare and productivity of Oregonians for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention.

Everybody In, Nobody Out.

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