As a lifelong Oregonian, I would love to see Oregon adopt healthcare for all.

My partner lives with stage 4 breast cancer and though they have been fortunate enough to have health insurance throughout it, they are also in crippling medical debt now with all the out of pocket expenses and random "surprises" of uncovered procedures over the past 4+ years. Living with cancer is stressful enough and now they have to work full time just to keep their insurance and try and pay the bills, though this increasingly feels like an uphill battle. When they aren't working, they are sleeping and resting because they are so exhausted from working and fending off calls from collections agencies.

A few days ago, they received a bill for $25,000 for some bloodwork they got last year. Bloodwork. Because they have cancer. 2 years ago they were denied a procedure to cement their spine which was riddled with small compression fractures because cancer was eating through it. Their insurance company told them they'd have to go to physical therapy for 6 months before they'd consider the procedure....during this time, they were unable to even walk without a walker or stand for more than 1 minute. Now they have lost 3 inches of height, are permanently disabled and live with extreme chronic pain.

Stage 4 breast cancer is considered incurable and terminal, so the insurance company is not interested in paying for them to have a better life. In their eyes, they are a bad "investment."

Healthcare should be a human right that everyone deserves, sick or well or somewhere in between. It should NOT just be another way for a private company to turn a profit. We all deserve better than the hell my partner is dealing with.