

In support of SJR12

How can this be controversial? What human being does not have the right to health care? We let people die, on the streets, in the cold, in Portland, every winter, why? Are these people simply worthless? Do only the wealthy deserve health care? Do only sane people deserve to be treated like humans?

I can only touch on a few points here. This should be an obvious choice for any normal human. Nobody should have to beg for health care. Nobody should be forced into bankruptcy to pay hospital bills. I am ashamed when I hear that a Go Fund Me drive is needed to help a child with cancer because his parents are poor.

Funding should not be a problem. Most people have health care through some private profit-making insurance scam. The same amount of money will be far better spent without wealthy investors getting their cut off the top. Increase payroll tax to make funding come out close to neutral. Rather than sending money to wealthy investors to hoard as much as possible, decisions should be made for best service with the resources available, not maximum return to investors.

If everyone in Oregon simply had the right to health care, we would need no Medicaid system at all, health care would simply be normal for everybody.

If we can do this, it must be universal. If the wealthy can have separate, superior services for themselves, they will use their wealth and power to starve the public system.... Greed plays out the same way every time.... History will repeat if we let it.

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