

To: House Committee on Rules

Greetings Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chairs Drazan and Holvey, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tom Sincic and I serve as President of Health Care for All Oregon.

I am grateful for the opportunity to speak before this Committee in recognition of Rep. Mitch Greenlick whose work lives on in Health Care for All Oregon.

In October of 2017, Health Care for All Oregon was privileged to honor the Representative. Today, we wish to honor Mitch again with these same words. "We will honor Oregon State Representative Mitch Greenlick, a long time hero for health care access and the author of legislation proclaiming healthcare as a right.

As we honor Mitch, we have shifted our efforts for universal care into high gear. HCAO is grateful for the many that came to honor Mitch Greenlick and support HCAO in October of 2017 and those that honor him today.

On October 6, 2017 we re-launched a focused statewide effort to make universal care a reality in Oregon in the near future. Well the near future has arrived.

This Thursday, the House Committee on Health Care, then this Committee, and eventually the entire Oregon Legislature, can truly honor Mitch by advancing SJR 12 this session that will help Oregon lead the way to true healthcare transformation. SJR 12, Rep. Greenlick's long sought after legislation, will give Oregon voters a chance to declare that access to health care is a right.

On a personal note, Mitch and I were both raised in Detroit, where locally made Vernor's

HCAO works for an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high-quality, publicly funded universal health care system serving everyone in Oregon and the United States.



Ginger Ale was our favorite. There was a saying: "Vernor's, it cures what ales you." Our health care system is ailing so maybe it just needs a good shot of the old fashioned Vernor's Ginger Ale and Mitch Greenlick. Better yet the votes of the Oregon Assembly can do what needs to be done by giving Oregonians a chance to decide whether health care is a right. What a grand way this would be to honor the late champion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Sincic".

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