

I urge full support for SJR 12. Good, affordable health care should be a right--not a privilege, not available only to those who can afford it. Just yesterday, a neighbor (who I believe does not favor universal health care), shared that her malignant skin cancer (small growth on her forehead) may well have come from elsewhere in her body. She has had multiple surgeries and testing, including an MRI just yesterday. Her comment to me: "I've had the growth for over three years, but we had to wait until I was eligible for Medicare to do anything about it since our insurance wasn't very good, and it sure wouldn't have covered everything that's been done so far." People should not have to wait until they're 65 to take care of medical problems. I say, lead the way, Oregon legislators, and PLEASE ensure cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care for all of Oregon.