

To: Senate Committee on Health Care

From: Michael C. Huntington M.D.

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Re: SJR 12 I support this proposal for an amendment to Oregon Constitution establishing obligation of state to ensure every resident of state access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care.

If the pandemic has taught us anything it is that each of us are better off when all of us have guaranteed access to healthcare. If one of us is ill, all of us are at risk. Guard rails can be established to clarify limits of the state's obligation. Not everyone will get all of the healthcare they think they might need. But everyone will have access to the care they need to maintain their health, productivity, and freedom.

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