

I am submitting this testimony in support of SJR 12. Every individual should have access to quality, affordable and equitable healthcare. The Covid pandemic has clearly demonstrated the fragility of our current health care system in which health care access is tied to one's employment status. No one should be forced to choose between paying their rent or putting food on the table and accessing needed medical care. It is critical that we, as Oregonians, recognize that health care is a fundamental human right. I urge the Committee to recommend passage of this important amendment to our State Constitution.