

My name is Cheryl Campbell and I am writing in support of SJR12, which amends the Oregon Constitution to ensure health care as a human right for all Oregonians. I have witnessed firsthand the limitations of our current hodge-podge of a "system" from the perspective of a Registered Nurse (recently retired), as the mother of a young adult with autism, and as a consumer.

As a nurse, I saw many patients who had delayed health care due to high costs end up in the ICU or dead from conditions that could have been prevented or minimized with quality, affordable, easy to access health care. Many were much more worried about their hospital bill than their own health.

As the mother of a son with autism, I saw over and over how our health care "system" was failing my son and others like him. Effective therapies are hard to find and it's even harder to get insurance to pay for them.

As a consumer, I have found costs to have risen astronomically. I do not feel that I get good value for all the money I have spent on health care, mostly as insurance premiums. When I was doing my taxes a couple of years ago, I noted that the amount for my employer-based family medical policy was a larger sum than both my federal and state tax liabilities for the year, plus I had to pay a \$3000 deductible before the policy paid for anything! Obviously, I am getting much more value from my state and federal taxes than my health insurance premiums.

Please support SJR12; we have needed a more equitable health care system for a long time and the current pandemic is highlighting the need to establish health care for all Oregonians.