

I am grateful for Mitch Greenlick and his vision to amend the Oregon Constitution to ensure that every resident has access to affordable, quality healthcare. This amendment would uphold health as a human right – one of the natural rights inherent in people. This amendment also aligns Oregon with its values as stated in the Oregon Constitution: peace, safety, and happiness for the people of Oregon.

Ensuring access to affordable, quality healthcare will serve to close intractable, racial-equity gaps. As an Indigenous person, I know these all too well. For sure, there will be fewer people living on the street because of catastrophic health events that led to bankruptcies. This amendment will give rise to opportunities that can be sought by members of a healthy population. With their health, people can dare to dream for a better life for themselves and their families.

For the health of the people of Oregon, please vote in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 12, the HOPE Amendment. Thank you.

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