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After experiencing a life threatening disease, leukemia, I learned how quickly one's job, health insurance, life savings and home can disappear. When one loses their job due to illness, it is devastating. I worked my whole life saving for a home, and nearly lost it while enduring years of treatment and a stem cell transplant. When I was done, I was grateful for my life, but found myself struggling through yet a 2nd survival scenario; one in which I had to find a job with insurance while I was still struggling to gain my health back and pay for medical bills. The stress was almost as bad as the illness.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL is the answer to the insurance problem. When funded by taxes instead of insurance companies, it opens the door for a much more productive work force. If someone changes their job, starts a new business, goes back to school to get their masters degree, has a child, becomes too ill to work, their health care is covered. Not only would it provide a more lucrative work force, but also one that that has financial security to pursue education, creative businesses and a safe recovery for an illness or accident. We need HEALTH CARE FOR ALL to provide a better Oregon; a more stable workforce and healthy population.