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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB704

I am submitting a short statement in support of SB 704. Many others more articulate than I will doubtless submit exemplary detailed rationale for supporting this bill's passage. I simply want to say that Oregon needs to move from our current insurance-based biased and unfair system of care to an equitable, publicly funded single payer healthcare system that will be both available and fairer for all of us in Oregon. Single payer is the only solution to the continually escalating costs of medical care under our current system, a system that leaves many uninsured, underinsured and in anguish even as it grows more and more costly. The net result is unnecessary suffering and death plus medical bankruptcies for so many of our fellow Oregonians. We as a State can do better; we as a country can do better! Please vote to fund the next necessary step in this process. Please establish and fully fund a "Governing Board" to finalize specific details and obtain Federal Medicare and Medicaid waivers to truly implement an equitable, publicly funded single payer healthcare system for ALL of us here in Oregon.