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I have been a health care provider for almost 40 years working in both primary care and mental health. For decades I have witnessed the continued struggles by consumers to attain health care when uninsured or with a high deductible. Often care will be put off until the situation has become serious. Prevention is often overlooked to pay for other needs. I support this bill which aims to ensure that all people in Oregon can have an equitable and affordable form of health care. A single payer program will also eliminate unneeded and costly admin services that occur with multiple payor sources and restrictions.

Thank you.