

Submitter: Rosa Colquitt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB704

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Re: Testimony on SB 704- Relating to universal health care; establishing a health plan governance board

Dear Chair Senator Patterson, Vice Chair Senator Hayden and members Senator Bonham, Senator Campos and Senator Gorsek

My name is Rosa Colquitt. I am writing in full support of SB 704. Currently I am a resident of Washington County and I serve as the president of the Greater Portland Chapter of the National Organization for Women (GP NOW).

One of the major seven pillars of NOW is establishing universal health care for all. GP NOW believes, along with Health Care for All Oregon, that "everyone must be in and nobody left out." We advocate here in Oregon and nationally for stopping market based inflationary medical practices, reducing administrative costs, and reducing employer costs. Greater Portland NOW fights for the lives of all women, especially those in disenfranchised and marginalized communities of color, to be able to live physically and mentally healthy lives with equitable, quality, health care insurance. We believe that all Oregonians must be protected from out of pocket high deductibles and co-pays, and that no one should be subjected to foreclosure due to medical bills.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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