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Too many families have been broken because of their inability to pay for medical bills and the convoluted private health care systems. People literally die waiting for care. Families are literally bankrupt trying to pay for care.

Claims and referrals and denials and co-pays are intentionally complex to make private insurers profit. More profit.

People cannot change jobs because they will lose their insurance. Possibly for months, until the next employer's coverage starts. We have needlessly tied healthcare to employment.

A universal healthcare system reduces and in many cases removes these challenges that face all Oregonians at one or another.

Thank you.