I oppose SB 704 for the reasons I oppose universal health plans. I lived in a country with socialized medicine for many years and when it really mattered, I and my family suffered.

I am sure you'll hear from folks who cannot afford health insurance. I was underinsured before and I know full well the consequences . I don't want one more government program.

I feel Voters were mislead with measure 111. And this will be your justification for continuing. However, the constitution was ignored in many cases during covid, this wouldn't be any different. Universal healthcare is NOT a sustainable model. Care will suffer. People will die due to one size fits all protocols and waitlists like we saw during covid when Kate Brown banned early treatments. We are still dealing with waitlists due to providers who left the state rather than comply with mandates. My son needed an audiology appt and the waitlist was 8 months due to 2/3 Audiologists leaving the state who didn't want to comply with unreasonable mandates. The government will continue to with ridiculous mandates.

Remember the ventilators taxpayers bought and never used? The waste will be massive. I am against a governance board and proceeding with this type of reform.
It is Unaffordable: When I'd see a GP or Primary care doctor, the state would send me a check to pay the doctor with. Most of the times the checks were around $25-30. Why? There was no competition as the government had a near full control of the system. Thankfully for me, it was nearly bankrupting the state and private insurance was incentivized. I didn't care that I received a tax cut for purchasing private insurance, what I wanted was better care than the government could provide. Another result was the income tax rates were extremely high in order to pay for the collective medical system. There's no doubt, Oregons high tax burden WILL increase.

The other reason providers were paid so little was there was zero sense of responsibility and the GP rooms were packed with people there at the first sign of a sniffle. I wasn't allowed to replace my own arm bandages, after a motorbike accident.. I can't imagine the amount of fraud that occurred and will occur with similar in Oregon.

I had very little choice when I was pregnant.

I had little to No Rights: The state wants to be the sole powerful entity that controls all doctors, pharmacies, specialists, dentists, insurance companies, procedures/diagnositcs and alternative providers.

With universal healthcare there will be little to no choice. When I lived under that socialistic scenario, my doctor was only allowed to order one blood test a year or be put on a targeted list, threatened with losing her license. Look at what Dr. Paul

Thomas' went through to see would punitive increase with good doctors in Oregon. Look at HB2548 that looks to control what /how therapists and counselors will be allowed to counsel patients if passed.

It is Dangerous: Had it not been for the right to purchase private insurance, I would have died in the state hospital on Christmas Day due to an ectopic pregnancy. Thankfully another patient near my bed mentioned private insurance and when I mentioned that I had privare r insurance she told me I needed to get out because she had no choice, there was a private hospital down the road who would care for me better. She was right. My tube had ruptured that day and I would have died in state hospital because at that point I'd had no doctor assigned to my case.

Choice: My private insurance was a la carte. I chose the things I wanted to be covered for that fit with my child bearing age requirements and didn't include unnecessary coverage for things like hip replacements. My monthly insurance bill was very affordable and I never paid exorbitantly for medical needs of others as it wasn't based on my tax bracket but my actual health needs.

Please vote no. There isn't only one answer.