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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: SB704

I support Universal Health Plan and coverage for all Oregonians. Please vote yes on SB704.

I have had Type 1 Diabetes for 30 years (well, 31 next month - that's my Anniversary). Since age 12, every major life decision has been shaped by my need for insulin. You see - without insulin people with diabetes will certainly die painfully in a few days. I will never be an entrepreneur or small business owner, or home school my kids, or take unpaid leave... I need to work so that I have health coverage from my employer.

I want every one of my neighbors in Oregon to have access to life-saving healthcare, like I have. I am incredibly fortunate. And all of us should be!

It's my hope that giving Oregonians access to affordable, accessible Universal Health Plans means that more people stay healthy because they get the medicine and treatments they need. That they can make art and music, or volunteer with AmeriCorps, or go half time at work and finish their degree, take 6 months out to care for a loved one on hospice, to follow their dream to start an innovative business... SB704 can do so much good. Please make this happen!!