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I am somebody who is very lucky to have good health insurance coverage. Many people in my community however, do not. Friends of mine who are farmers, landscapers, baristas, realtors, and small business owners are not able to afford health insurance from the market.

One friend of mine, in particular has been putting off routine and necessary, healthcare, measures, such as going to the dentist, regularly taking medication, and seeking out a consultation for chronic back pain.

People should not be forced to do any of the following things:

- 1) avoid going to the doctor for any reason because health insurance is too expensive
- 2) Stay in a job or in a career that they don't like solely because they need the health care provided by their employer
- 3) abandon or choose not to pursue a job or a career that they are passionate about because of a lack of health care coverage attached to that employment.

Let's do better Oregon! Let's insure everybody and show the rest of the country what's possible.

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