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To Senate Committee on Health Care
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We all know what it means to have an addiction, to want more and more of something, no matter how much we already have. We commonly think in terms of alcohol or drugs. But the worst addiction of all is something we don't even think of as an addiction. It's the hunger for power and money.

When it comes to power and money, no matter how much you have, it's never enough. It's a far worse addiction because the negative effect of a persons addiction to power and money is experienced by millions and millions of people. The negative effect of an alcohol or drug addiction is primarily experienced by one person.

When a person becomes a politician, the person is usually hoping to make life better for those who elected him or her to office.

But, far too frequently, those elected become so addicted to the power of the office that they begin to cater to the needs of those who can provide them with money to stay in office, rather than to the needs of those who elected them to the office. One result is that they are all too often glad to raise taxes on the poor and middle class, but not on the wealthy.

No wonder it has been so difficult to create much needed universal health care, a single payer health care system that would insure that every person could get the medical care they need, when they need it, and without feeling burdened by the possibility of bankruptcy.

Approval of Senate Bill 704, provides the perfect opportunity for this legislature to begin breathing life into this desperately needed human resource. Doing so will make life so much better for the very people who elected you to office!

Thank you.