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Please support SB 1089 to establish a Universal Health Plan Governance Board as a first step to universal health care in Oregon. It has been a serious mistake to trust health care to market forces in the United States. Health insurance tied to employment is an historical accident, and leaves many people uninsured. As you may know, we pay much more per person than other developed countries for health care, but we have worse outcomes for our citizens. Money that could be going to preventive medicine and treatment for folks without health insurance is squandered on administrative costs and corporate profits. A national solution seems out of reach at this time, so it's up to us in Oregon to initiate a single payer system. The success of the Oregon Health Plan has paved the way. We can do this. Thank you.