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Greetings Legislators:

I am an Oregonian who was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2021 - a disease that requires lengthy and costly hospitalization stays and treatment. Since I am not currently employed, I had to rely on savings to pay my private health insurance plan and out of pocket expenses - something that I was privileged and fortunate to be able to do. I do, however, strongly feel that healthcare is a human right and it should NOT be tied to employment. I am one of the lucky ones who does not have to choose between feeding my family, keeping roof over my head, or receiving healthcare treatment. This is important for all Oregonians and not just for the lucky ones who can afford it or receive it through employment. It is crucial that this Governance Board for universal health care be established for the health of all Oregonians, preventative and life-saving.

Thank you for your time.