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I am a primary care physician and have been practicing in Oregon since 2007. I am in support of establishing a universal health care system in Oregon. The United States remains the only wealthy industrialized country yet to achieve universal health care coverage. Instead, our unsustainable health care system is plagued by inefficiencies and is unaffordable and inaccessible to many. We have an opportunity: to reset how Oregon approaches providing fundamental access to not only emergency care but also preventative and chronic health care to ensure the health and livelihood of all Oregonians for generations to come. A universal health care system would help to achieve the goal of ensuring equitable access to care for all Oregonians. I have personally encountered many situations where loss of insurance coverage due to changes in employment or financial status has had disastrous effects on the health outcomes of my patients. Please support moving forward with universal health care. Also, because the implementation of a new system will have many impacts on an already understaffed and overburdened health care system, please include health care providers of all types in future discussions and decision making around new health care system policy. Thank you.