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Thank you for hearing testimony. My name is Dana Schultz, a state employee and wife to a small Business owner in Salem, and I am writing in support of sb1089. Through my career in serving low income households and my recent experience supporting my husband in finding treatment for his MS, I have witnessed time and time again barriers to access and affordable care due to privatized health insurance. My husband is prescribed an 80k a year medicine for his MS. 80k. This is allowed because pharma companies and health insurance companies are profit driven and private with no check and balance between them. Of course our health ins. provider denied covering this. With no valid reason why and no further discussion with my husband's medical provider. Thankfully we found a scholarship program to help cover it but this is only temporary. This is our healthcare system. No piece is working together and each piece is trying to make money. We deserve better, we will get sicker and poorer without a plan to get to universal healthcare. Thank you.