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This work is necessary. A universal health care system is necessary. Our system of private insurance has failed. I support a program based on Medicaid type coverage for all. The system exists, we just have to decide to implement this base level of coverage to everyone. Medicare for all would be my second choice, I do not support a system that would require people to purchase supplemental insurance in order to achieve decent health care coverage. Also, the Medicare system, as is, is extremely complicated. Listening to elderly people trying to figure it out makes me dread Medicare, even as I look forward to not having to worry about losing my insurance.

Please, do this for the people of Oregon. Living in a rural community I feel lucky we have medical facilities and a hospital here, but it's obvious that there is no financial incentive for such private institutions to locate in even smaller communities. It is necessary for our leaders in government, you, to prioritize a health care system for all.