



Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Special Election
January 23, 2018

Certificate of Correctness

I, Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the measure included herein will be submitted to the electors of the State of Oregon at the Special Election to be held throughout the State on January 23, 2018, and that this guide has been correctly prepared in accordance with the law in order to assist electors in voting. Witness my hand and the Seal of the State of Oregon in Salem, Oregon, this 7th day of December, 2017.

Dennis Richardson
Oregon Secretary of State

vote!

Oregon votes by mail. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters by January 9.

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Dear Oregon Voter,

The Oregon Constitution provides registered voters the opportunity to vote on a law passed by the legislature if a referendum is placed on the ballot. In a referendum, a “yes” vote means you want the law to take effect, and a “no” vote means you do not want the law to take effect.

This past fall, 70,320 Oregonians signed a petition to allow citizens to vote on Measure 101. The provisions of Measure 101 will not become law unless Oregon voters approve it at a special election to be held on January 23, 2018. This voters’ pamphlet contains information on Measure 101.

Typically, Oregon does not hold elections in January. However, the legislature chose to call a special election for Measure 101 on January 23.

I encourage you to always study the issues, and make your voice heard by participating in all elections. To ensure your right to vote, you can verify your registration, update your address or your political party by visiting www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

January 2 is the deadline to register to vote in the January 23 election. Citizens can register online at www.oregonvotes.gov/register.

Ballots for Measure 101 will be mailed beginning January 3, 2018. Since this election is solely on Measure 101, no candidates or other measures will appear on the ballot. Make sure your ballot is physically received by your county elections office not later than 8:00 pm on January 23. Postmarks do not count. If mailed early enough, you can return your ballot through the mail or you can take it to one of our many drop boxes throughout the state. To track your ballot or to find your nearest drop box, go to www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

If you have questions about voter registration, filling out your ballot, or getting a replacement ballot if you make a mistake, please call our toll-free hotline at **1-866-673-8683** or call your county election official.

As your Secretary of State, I encourage every eligible Oregonian to register and then vote in this and every election. I am committed to making voting easy, convenient, and secure. Whether you are an experienced voter, a first-time voter, serving in the military, or are living with a disability, your right to vote is both an opportunity and a civic duty.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

Dennis Richardson
Oregon Secretary of State



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Voters' Pamphlet

This is your official State Voters' Pamphlet for the **January 23, 2018, Special Election**. It gives you information about Measure 101 which will be the only item on your Special Election ballot. This pamphlet also includes instructions for marking your ballot, information for voters with disabilities and domestic violence survivors, and other information to assist you in the voting process.

The Secretary of State has compiled the voters' pamphlet since 1903, when Oregon became one of the first states to provide for the printing and distribution of such a publication. One copy of the voters' pamphlet is mailed to every household in the state. It can also be viewed online at www.oregonvotes.gov.

Español

Una versión en español de algunas partes de la Guía del Elector está a su disposición en el portal del Internet cuya dirección aparece arriba. Conscientes de que este material en línea podría no llegar adecuadamente a todos los electores que necesitan este servicio, se invita a toda persona a imprimir la versión en línea y circularla a aquellos electores que no tengan acceso a una computadora.

How to File a Complaint

Any registered voter may file a written complaint alleging that a violation of an election law has occurred. The complaint should provide evidence showing a violation. The complaint must be signed by the elector. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. The complaint should be sent to:

Secretary of State, Elections Division
255 Capitol St NE, Suite 501
Salem, OR 97310

Address Confidentiality Program

Protecting Addresses for Victims

Individuals whose personal or family safety may be in danger if their home address is available as a public record may register to vote with confidentiality protections by applying for the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP).

The ACP is a free mail forwarding service. It helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking shield their physical address. Program participants are provided with a substitute address to use instead of their real address. Participants may use the substitute address for:

- the delivery of first class, certified and registered mail.
- obtaining an Oregon driver's license or ID card.
- receiving or paying child support.
- applying for a marriage license.
- enrolling dependents in public school.

To be eligible for the ACP you must live in Oregon, **and**

- be over 18 years old, **and**
- be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, **and**
- have recently relocated (or are about to relocate) to an address unknown to the perpetrator(s) or any government agencies.

Parents or guardians may apply on behalf of incapacitated adults and minor children who are otherwise eligible for the ACP.

Participation in the ACP by itself does not guarantee anyone's safety. ACP staff do not provide threat-assessment or safety-planning and are not allowed to offer legal advice.

To apply to the Address Confidentiality Program, you must work with a victim advocate who has been designated as an Application Assistant by the Attorney General.

For more information or to find an Application Assistant near you visit <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/victims-services/address-confidentiality-program-acp/> or call 888-559-9090.

Vote by Mail Frequently Asked Questions

How do I vote in Oregon?

In Oregon, we vote by mail. Your county elections office will automatically mail you a ballot packet for every election that you are eligible to vote in. Inside the packet, you will find the ballot and instructions on how to complete and return the ballot. [Follow the instructions!](#) For this election your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you between **January 3** and **January 9, 2018**.

Do I need to update my address if I have moved?

Ballots are not forwardable. If you were registered to vote by **January 2** but now have a different address, call your county elections office for instructions on how to update your registration and receive a ballot.

Can I vote in person at a polling place?

There are no polling places in Oregon. Instead you can complete your ballot anywhere you choose. If you are uncomfortable voting your ballot at home or elsewhere, there are privacy booths available at your county elections office. Call your county elections office for further information.

What if my ballot doesn't come?

As a registered voter, you can check the status of your ballot at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote. For this election if you have not received your ballot packet by **January 12**, call your county elections office.

How do I return my ballot?

You can return your ballot by mail or return it to any county elections office or an official drop box. You can find the nearest drop box, along with a map of how to get there, at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote or by contacting your county elections office.

Remember! If returning your ballot by mail, you must attach a single 49¢ or "Forever" first-class stamp to your ballot return envelope before mailing it back.

When do I have to return my ballot by?

Your voted ballot must be received in any county elections office or official drop box by **8 pm, Tuesday, January 23**. **Postmarks do not count!** All county elections offices are open election day from **7 am to 8 pm**.

How do I know if my voted ballot has been received?

You can track the status of your ballot online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

Will my vote count if I forget to return my ballot in the secrecy envelope or sleeve?

The county elections office will maintain the privacy of your ballot if you forget the optional secrecy envelope or sleeve and your ballot will still count.

Is my vote really kept secret?

Yes, how you voted is secret, but whether or not you returned your ballot is public record. To ensure your vote remains a secret, your ballot is separated from the return identification envelope before it is reviewed. County elections officials only review and count your ballot after verifying your signature.

What if I forget to sign the return envelope?

Contact your county elections office as soon as possible. If they find an unsigned ballot they will contact you.

Can the public watch the election process?

Yes! You can watch all steps of the process. Contact your county elections official to make arrangements.

When will election results be known?

Initial results are released at **8 pm** election night and will continue to be updated through election night. Final certified results will be available 30 days after the election.

Replacement Ballot Information

Important! If your ballot is lost, destroyed, damaged, or you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may call your county elections office and request a replacement ballot.

Provisional Ballot Information

You will be issued a provisional ballot if:

- there is a question about your eligibility as a voter (for example, there is no evidence on file that you are an active or inactive voter in Oregon); or
- you need to vote at a county elections office in a county other than the one you live in.

In order to obtain a provisional ballot, you need to fill out a Provisional Ballot Request Form in person at the county elections office.

Your provisional ballot will not be counted until it is determined that you are eligible to vote.

After you have voted the ballot, you can call **1-866-673-8683** or the county elections office in which you voted to find out if your ballot was counted. If your ballot was not counted, you can also find out the reason it was not counted.



County Elections Officials

Contact your **county elections office** or call **1 866 673 8683** if you have questions about:

- Registering to vote
- Elections and voting
- Absentee ballots
- Signature requirements
- Updating your voter registration
- Completing and returning your ballot
- Replacement ballots

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www.oregonvotes.gov



Register to vote

You must be registered by January 2 to vote in the 2018 Special Election



Find a dropsite

Your ballot must be received by 8pm on January 23



My Vote

Use this online tool to check or update your registration status and track your ballot.

for more information about voting in Oregon



oregonvotes.gov



1 866 673 8683

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TTY

1 800 735 2900

for the hearing impaired



Use online voter resources to register or update your registration status.
oregonvotes.gov

qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no

Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle

Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)* city* zip code*

date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence

phone email

mailing address (required if different than residence) city zip code

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:**

I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID.**
 The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

x x x - x x -

I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/ID or a SSN.
 I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.**

political party

- Not a member of a party
- Constitution
- Democratic
- Independent
- Libertarian
- Pacific Green
- Progressive
- Republican
- Working Families
- Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here _____ date today _____

! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

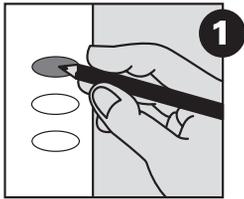
registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.

previous registration name previous county and state

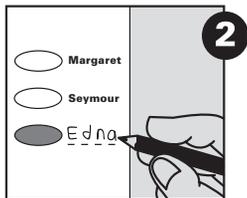
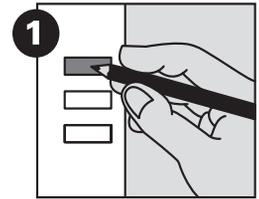
home address on previous registration date of birth (month/day/year)

Complete your ballot

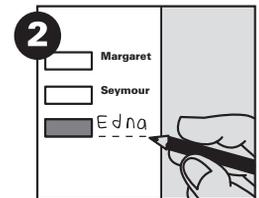
Carefully read and follow all instructions printed on your ballot.



1 To vote, completely fill in the oval or box next to your choice.

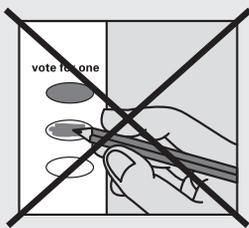


2 To write-in a candidate:
 → Clearly write the individual's full name on the blank line provided for the office
-and-
 → Fill in the oval or box next to the name you wrote-in

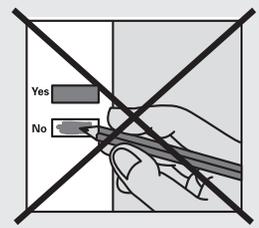


Check your ballot carefully

! You cannot change your vote after you have mailed or dropped off your ballot.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.



i You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Contact your County Elections Office

or call **1 866 673 8683** to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- you lose your ballot
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- or for any other reason.



Resources for Voters with Disabilities

Contact **your county elections office** or call **1 866 673 8683** to request these resources.

Alternate Format Ballots

→ HTML ballot

Available to voters who are unable to mark a printed ballot. Voters can vote in the privacy of their own homes using their own accessible tools.

Voters who do not have accessible tools at home may vote the HTML ballot using a **tablet computer**.

An accessible computer station is located in every county elections office.

→ Large print ballot

Alternate Format Voting Guides

→ Statewide Voters' Pamphlet

Available in digital audio or accessible text at www.oregonvotes.gov.

Request a CD of mp3 format audio files from your county elections office by phone.

Additional Resources

→ Large print voter registration card

→ Signature Stamp Attestation Card

If, because of a disability, a person is unable to sign a ballot or registration card, they may use a signature stamp or other indicator that represents their signature.

A signature stamp attestation form must be completed along with an updated (or new) voter registration card.

Voters Assistance

Contact **your county elections office** or call **1 866 673 8683** to request these resources.

I need assistance to vote

Any voter with a disability can request assistance to register to vote, vote their ballot and/or return their ballot. You can also request assistance from a caretaker, care provider or someone else you choose.

Who can provide assistance to a voter?

- A County Voting Assistance Team
 - A Facility Voting Assistance Team
 - Someone chosen by the voter
-

Who cannot provide assistance to a voter?

- The voter's employer
- An agent of the voter's employer
- A union officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member

Measures

Measures are proposed changes to the Oregon Constitution or to state laws. For the measure in this voters' pamphlet you will find the following information:

1. the ballot title;
2. the estimate of financial impact;
3. the complete text of the proposed measure;
4. the explanatory statement; and
5. arguments filed by proponents and opponents of the measure.

Ballot Title

A special committee of legislators drafted a ballot title for Measure 101. That ballot title was challenged in the Oregon Supreme Court. The Court ordered changes to the ballot title and directed the Attorney General's office to write a new ballot title consistent with their order. The certified ballot title you see on the ballot and in this pamphlet was prepared by the Attorney General's office pursuant to the Supreme Court order.

Estimate of Financial Impact

The estimate of financial impact for each measure is prepared by a committee of state officials including the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Administrative Services, the Director of the Department of Revenue and a local government representative selected by the committee members. Working from information provided by state agencies and comments provided in a public hearing process, the committee estimates only the direct impact on state and local governments. The estimate assumes that the measure will be implemented as stated and expresses annual costs in ranges wherever it can be calculated accurately.

The committee also consults with the Legislative Revenue Office to determine whether the measure may have an impact on the overall state economy, should appropriate analysis be available. Further explanation of the estimate can be added by the committee in a second statement if they view it to be necessary. Only the procedures used by the committee, not the content of the statement, can be challenged in the Oregon Supreme Court.

Complete Text of the Measure

This provides you with the actual changes that will be made by the measure to Oregon statutes.

Explanatory Statement

The explanatory statement is an impartial statement explaining the measure. The explanatory statement was written by a special committee of legislators.

Arguments Filed In Favor Of or In Opposition To the Measure

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Proposed by referendum petition to be voted on at the Special Election, January 23, 2018.

Measure

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Ballot Title

Approves temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income individuals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums. Temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, and other providers of insurance or health care coverage. Insurers may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments

Result of “Yes” Vote

“Yes” vote approves temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, and managed care organizations. Assessments provide funding for health care for low-income individuals and families, and individuals with disabilities; also stabilize premiums charged by insurance companies for health insurance purchased by individuals and families. Insurance companies may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of the assessments. Hospital assessments may not begin without approval by a federal agency.

Result of “No” Vote

“No” vote rejects temporary assessments on insurance companies, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, and managed care organizations; and either rejects or delays temporary assessments on some hospitals. Assessments rejected (or delayed) by a “no” vote are currently budgeted to fund health care for low-income individuals and families and individuals with disabilities and for stabilizing the costs of insurance premiums. As a result, a “no” vote would underfund these budgeted costs.

Summary

This measure asks voters to approve or reject temporary assessments created as part of House Bill 2391, enacted by the 2017 Oregon Legislature to address certain health care funding issues. The House Bill provided funding to pay costs for providing health care to low-income adults, children, families, and individuals with disabilities, and to stabilize premiums charged by insurance companies for health insurance purchased by individuals and families. The House Bill provided the funding through 1.5 percent assessments on premiums and premium equivalents (defined in the House Bill) of health insurance companies, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, and managed care organizations for a two-year period, and additional 0.7 percent assessments on the net revenue of some hospitals that begins on October 6, 2017, and ends on July 1, 2019. This measure asks voters to approve or reject the assessments on insurance companies, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, and managed care organizations, and specifies that insurance companies may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments. If this measure passes, the assessments on some hospitals will be approved, subject to approval by a federal agency. If the measure does not pass, the assessments on some hospitals will either be rejected, or delayed until approved by a federal agency.

Estimate of Financial Impact

Revenue from this measure is included in the 2017-19 state budget to pay for health care for low-income adults, children and families and individuals with disabilities and to stabilize health insurance premiums paid by individuals and families.

Revenue will come from a 0.7% assessment on certain hospitals, as well as a 1.5% assessment on the Public Employees Benefit Board, managed care organizations, and insurers. Insurers may not increase rates for consumers by more than 1.5% to recover this assessment.

If the measure passes, the health care program and health insurance premiums stabilization program are funded as adopted by the 2017 Legislative Assembly.

If the measure is defeated there will be a reduction of \$210-\$320 million in state revenue, resulting in a possible reduction of \$630-\$960 million, or more in federal Medicaid matching funds. The total revenue reduction to the 2017-19 state budget may be \$840 million-\$1.3 billion or more.

Although there is no direct financial effect on local government revenues, there may be an indeterminate effect on local government expenditures related to increases in associated insurance assessments. There is likely to be an indirect and indeterminate effect on the state economy and local government revenues and expenditures.

Committee Members:

Secretary of State Dennis Richardson*
 State Treasurer Tobias Read
 Katy Coba, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Nia Ray, Director, Department of Revenue
 Debra Grabler, Local Government Representative

*Member dissents (does not agree with the estimate of financial impact)

(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to section 55, chapter 749, Oregon Laws 2017.)

Text of Measure

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 3.

(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, the Public Employees' Benefit Board shall pay an assessment at the rate of 1.5 percent on the gross amount of premium equivalents received during the calendar quarter.

(4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on the board.

SECTION 5.

(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, an insurer shall pay an assessment at the rate of 1.5 percent of the gross amount of premiums earned by the insurer during that calendar quarter that were derived from health benefit plans delivered or issued for delivery in Oregon.

(4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on an insurer.

SECTION 8.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of contract or statute, including ORS 743B.013 and 743.022, insurers may increase their premium rate on policies or certificates that are subject to the assessment under section 5 of this 2017 Act by 1.5 percent. If an insurer increases its rates under this subsection, the insurer may include in its billings for health benefit plans a notice, as prescribed by the Department of Consumer and Business Services, explaining that the increase is due to the assessment under section 5 of this 2017 Act.

SECTION 9.

(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, a managed care organization shall pay an assessment at a rate of 1.5 percent of the gross amount of premium equivalents received during that calendar quarter.

(5) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on a managed care organization.

SECTION 27. Section 2, chapter 736, Oregon Laws 2003, as amended by section 1, chapter 780, Oregon Laws 2007, section 51, chapter 828, Oregon Laws 2009, section 17, chapter 867, Oregon Laws 2009, section 2, chapter 608, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 1, chapter 16, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 2.(2) In addition to the assessment imposed by subsection (1) of this section, an assessment of 0.7 percent is imposed on the net revenue of each hospital in this state that is not a waived hospital.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; *[brackets and italic]* type indicates deletions or comments.

Explanatory Statement

By the Joint Interim Committee on Referendum 301 pursuant to section 60, chapter 749, Oregon Laws 2017.

The 2017 Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2391 to address certain health care funding issues. Petitioners have referred five parts of House Bill 2391 to voters for their approval or rejection.

House Bill 2391 provided additional funds to pay some of the state's costs to provide health care to low-income adults, children and families and individuals with disabilities and provided funds to pay the state's costs to stabilize health insurance premiums paid by individuals and families. Some of the additional funds came from temporary assessments on insurance companies, the Public Employees' Benefit Board and managed care organizations, including a 1.5 percent assessment on the gross amount of health insurance premiums collected by insurance companies, a 1.5 percent assessment on payments to managed care organizations and a 1.5 percent assessment on the health care costs and associated administrative expenses paid by the Public Employees' Benefit Board. The remainder of the additional funds came by amending an existing assessment on the net revenue of some hospitals in this state to include an additional 0.7 percent assessment. The additional 0.7 percent assessment went into effect on October 6, 2017. House Bill 2391 made further amendments to the hospital assessment that go into effect on the later of January 1, 2018, or the date that a federal agency approves the additional changes.

Ballot Measure 101 asks voters to approve or reject the parts of House Bill 2391 that create the temporary 1.5 percent assessment on insurance companies, the Public Employees' Benefit Board and managed care organizations. It also asks the voters to approve or reject the House Bill 2391 amendment to the hospital assessment that goes into effect October 6, 2017. Ballot Measure 101 does not ask the voters to approve or reject the House Bill 2391 amendments to the hospital assessment that go into effect on the later of January 1, 2018, or the date a federal agency approves changes required by the amendments.

If the voters reject Ballot Measure 101, it would eliminate the temporary assessment on insurance companies, the Public Employees' Benefit Board and managed care organizations and delay the collection of the additional 0.7 percent hospital assessment until the later of January 1, 2018, or the date that a federal agency approves the changes required by the amendment. The effect would be to underfund the budgeted costs for providing health care to low-income children, adults and families and individuals with disabilities and to eliminate the funds budgeted to stabilize health insurance premiums paid by individuals and families.

Committee Members:

Senator Ginny Burdick
 Senator Richard Devlin
 Senator Jackie Winters
 Representative Nancy Nathanson
 Representative Dan Rayfield
 Representative Greg Smith*

Appointed by:

President of the Senate
 President of the Senate
 President of the Senate
 Speaker of the House
 Speaker of the House
 Speaker of the House

*Member dissents (does not agree with explanatory statement)

(This Joint Interim Committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to section 60, chapter 749, Oregon Laws 2017.)

Argument in Favor

Disability Rights Oregon supports Measure 101

Disability Rights Oregon upholds the civil rights of people with disabilities to live, work, and engage in the community. We're a non-profit organization that works to transform systems, policies, and practices to give more people the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Nearly 25% of Oregonians have a disability, and veterans make up 17% of our disabled population. Many utilize the Oregon Health Plan. If Measure 101 does not pass and 350,000 OHP patients lose access to insurance or prescription coverage, thousands of people with disabilities could be affected and put at greater risk of losing the care they need to maintain their jobs and self-sufficiency.

Healthcare is a foundation for independence. For 40 years, we've been grateful to be a part of a state that respects the ambition of people with disabilities to be contributing members of society. The fight for disability rights is part of the larger struggle for equality and full participation. **Let's not take a step backward by rolling back healthcare access.**

Without the Oregon Health Plan, many people with disabilities will be held back from lives that are as full and productive as they strive for. Healthcare supports work, family and community engagement. **Voting YES on Measure 101 protects people with disabilities and preserves access to quality healthcare.**

Join Disability Rights Oregon in ensuring all Oregonians have the care they need – vote yes on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Bob Joondeph, Disability Rights Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Voters,

As a nurse supervisor for a large home health agency that serves seniors, adults with disabilities and families, **I encourage a yes vote on Measure 101.** Thanks in large part to Medicaid, we provide education, therapy and home care for patients after an illness, surgery or procedure, enabling them to remain independent and safe in their homes.

I can say from experience that access to insurance makes a world of difference. For my patient who returns home with the education and medication she needs to address her uncontrolled diabetes, to the man we helped successfully transition to living with a new physical disability, to continuing care for a serious wound victim, OHP coverage is life-saving.

But, all of that care can only continue if Oregonians vote yes on Measure 101.

I know that without Measure 101, ERs and ICUs in my community would likely be overwhelmed with people who, with insurance, could have otherwise seen a primary care provider. Unnecessary hospitalizations reduce bed and clinician availability for unpreventable emergencies and community needs. They are expensive, too, and the costs gets passed on to everyone else.

Measure 101 will allow us to continue to provide help to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. It will mean that we can set seniors up to successfully live independently in their homes for many more years. It will enable us to provide comprehensive care by treating conditions long before they are life-threatening.

I've seen first-hand the consequences of delayed care and the pain and anxiety that comes with the decision of accepting devastating health outcomes or experiencing financial devastation. No Oregonian, regardless of their income, physical or mental acuity, age, or lot in life, should have to make that decision.

We can't let our most vulnerable Oregonians slip through the cracks, which is why I hope you join me in voting Yes on Measure 101.

Sincerely,

Susan Walters, RN Eugene

(This information furnished by Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Women's Rights Organizations Strongly Support Measure 101

Healthcare is a fundamental right, not a privilege. Access to quality healthcare is necessary for all people to reach their fullest potential. Our health shouldn't depend on who we are, where we live or how much money we make.

Many women are deeply affected by a lack of access to healthcare. Despite the fact that women make about 80% of the healthcare decisions in their families, they often face many barriers to accessing the doctor visits and the prescriptions they need. Until recently, they were often charged much higher rates for insurance coverage just because they are women, and they were often denied coverage because of "pre-existing conditions" like diabetes or even being a survivor of domestic violence.

Measure 101 protects healthcare for working Oregonians — and that especially matters for women.

That's why Measure 101 is supported by:

**Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
League of Women Voters of Oregon
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
Oregon NOW (National Organization for Women)
Family Forward Oregon
Forward Together**

When women have access to reliable, affordable reproductive healthcare, we see improved health outcomes for women and their families. In addition, women are disproportionately impacted by several life-threatening diseases:

- **Breast cancer:** The second-leading cause of cancer deaths among U.S. women, breast cancer has a particularly devastating impact on women of color.
- **Ovarian cancer:** About 21,550 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year in the U.S.
- **Cervical cancer:** As many as 93% of cervical cancers could be prevented by screening and HPV vaccination. When it's caught early, the five-year survival rate is 93%.

Fortunately, preventive screenings can detect these cancers. Early detection and treatment saves lives.

When women are healthier, families are healthier. When families are healthier, our communities are healthier. And when communities are healthier, Oregon is healthier.

Please join us in voting YES for women, YES for families, YES for healthcare and YES for Measure 101.

(This information furnished by Laurel Swerdlow, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON PEDIATRICIANS SUPPORT MEASURE 101

"No child should be without health care. Period. Right now, 400,000 kids receive health care through the Oregon Health Plan. Continuing that coverage is one of the biggest things at stake with Measure 101. Children having the coverage they need to grow up healthy and safe is a measure of who we are as a state. Voting Yes on 101 is how we measure up."

– Jay Rosenbloom, MD, Tigard

"When I treat a child, I am really helping treat the entire family. Throughout my career I have seen the impact a lack of health care coverage for kids can have: medically, emotionally, financially. Having to choose between medical care for your child and paying for your rent, food or utilities is not a choice that any parent should have to make. If Measure 101 fails, thousands of Oregon families will be forced into those impossible choices. I am urging everyone I know to vote Yes."

– Sharlene Matthieu, MD, Portland

"Measure 101 may seem complicated, but it really isn't. This small assessment on insurance companies, hospitals, and healthcare providers unlocks the federal funding that ensures that every child in Oregon – along with other vulnerable Oregonians – will have healthcare coverage. The plan was developed by healthcare experts and advocates throughout Oregon and is strongly supported by those who will actually pay the assessment. This is the way that 49 states ensure they get the federal health care funding they need. Voting Yes is both the right and the smart thing to do."

– Peter Reed, MD, Tigard

"Healthy kids are far more likely to turn into healthy adults. That means they can be more productive citizens and workers, better parents and be able to contribute to Oregon's communities and economy. By voting Yes on Measure 101, we aren't just securing children's health care. We are securing our future."

– Robert Mendelson, MD, Portland

(This information furnished by Trevor R Beltz, Oregon Medical Association.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon AFSCME urges you to vote Yes on Measure 101 to keep our workforce strong

Hard-working Oregonians across the state need accessible, affordable healthcare. **Measure 101 guarantees that coverage, protecting health insurance for the 1 million Oregonians who rely on the Oregon Health Plan.** That's why Measure 101 is vital to keeping Oregon families healthy.

Voters have the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to a healthy state by supporting Measure 101. This measure ensures that:

- every child in Oregon has healthcare coverage
- hard-working Oregonians can go to a doctor or a nurse when they are sick
- communities throughout the state keep good-paying healthcare jobs, strengthening the local economy
- working families will be able to afford their premiums thanks to a stabilized insurance marketplace
- the funds go directly to the Health Services Fund and cannot be spent on anything other than healthcare

If Measure 101 fails, vulnerable Oregonians and families across the state face an uncertain future. Without the ability to see a doctor for preventive care, families will be forced to resort to costly Emergency Room visits that they simply cannot afford. **Oregon families deserve better.**

Oregon AFSCME represents more than 26,000 members across the state who work in both the public and private sector. All of our members help to provide public services, whether as public safety officers or as childcare providers for low-income families.

Many of our members work in programs that support Oregonians who rely on the Oregon Health Plan, and they see daily the difference that healthcare access makes.

Healthy children learn better in school.

Healthy adults can go to work and support their families.

Healthy seniors can remain in their homes longer.

Our members support Measure 101, and we ask that you also vote **YES on Measure 101** to support the children and vulnerable Oregonians that rely on the Oregon Health Plan. **A healthier Oregon is a stronger Oregon.**

(This information furnished by Joseph E Baessler.)

Argument in Favor

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS ACROSS OREGON SUPPORT MEASURE 101

Local Community Hospitals: VOTE YES on 101 and Support Healthcare Access

- Preserve healthcare for 1 million vulnerable Oregonians by protecting Medicaid
- Protect jobs in the healthcare sector
- Stabilize insurance premiums for middle-class, working Oregonians

- Asante Ashland Community Hospital
- Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center
- Asante Three Rivers Medical Center
- CHI Mercy Health / Mercy Medical Center
- Columbia Memorial Hospital, Astoria
- Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
- Good Shepherd Health Care System, Hermiston
- Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center
- Kaiser Westside Medical Center
- Legacy Emanuel Medical Center
- Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center
- Legacy Meridian Park Medical Center
- Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center
- Legacy Silverton Medical Center
- Mid-Columbia Medical Center
- PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
- PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center
- PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend
- PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center University District
- Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital
- Providence Medford Medical Center
- Providence Milwaukie Hospital
- Providence Newberg Medical Center
- Providence Portland Medical Center
- Providence Seaside Hospital
- Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
- Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center
- Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City
- Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario
- Saint Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
- Salem Health
- Salem Health West Valley
- Samaritan Albany General Hospital
- Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital
- Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital
- St. Charles Bend
- St. Charles Madras
- St. Charles Prineville
- St. Charles Redmond
- Tuality Healthcare
- Willamette Valley Medical Center

(This information furnished by Philip Schmidt, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 101 stabilizes costs for all of us and keeps families healthy

I am retired, and I'm lucky to have Medicare, but not everyone is so lucky.

When my granddaughter had her first child in July, the baby wasn't covered by her health insurance policy. There were complications after the birth, and her newborn had to return to the hospital for treatment.

Thank goodness my great-granddaughter qualified for the Oregon Health Plan. Today, she is healthy and home with her family because she got the care she needed, when she needed it.

With regular doctor's visits, children are less likely to end up needing expensive procedures down the road that add costs to the system. We know our grandkids and great-grandkids are getting off to a good start.

No parent should worry that their family cannot afford to get needed care for a sick child. Measure 101 is an opportunity to protect our families. With this law all children in Oregon will be able to access healthcare, and it will reduce premiums for thousands of people so more families like mine will be able to afford health insurance for their kids.

We need to vote YES on Measure 101 to provide basic healthcare for all of us.

Don Forness, Wilsonville, OR

(This information furnished by Ellie S Forness, Vote Yes on 101 to Protect Healthcare for Oregon's Kids and Seniors.)

Argument in Favor

Vote YES on Measure 101 to Secure Healthcare

Causa

Oregon Latino Health Coalition

Latino Network

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste

Acción Política PCUNista

Oregon Latino Agenda for Action

No matter where you live or work, you should be able to see a doctor or nurse and get medication when you're sick, and it shouldn't bankrupt you. Measure 101 secures health care for up to 1 million Oregonians including 400,000 children.

No family should have to wait until a routine illness becomes an expensive emergency. Every sick child should have access to a pediatrician, and Measure 101 makes that a reality.

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¡VOTE SÍ POR LA MEDIDA 101!

¡JUNTOS TENEMOS EL PODER DE ASEGURAR EL CUIDADO DE SALUD DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD!

¡Hoy en día, el 95% de los residentes de Oregon tienen seguro de salud, incluyendo por primera vez TODOS los niños!

Para nuestras familias es sumamente importante tener acceso a hospitales, clínicas y a un seguro médico. **La Medida 101 provee y protege fondos para el Plan de Salud de Oregon (OHP) para nuestras familias de bajos ingresos.**

**¡Nuestro progreso está en riesgo!
Por eso es tan importante votar SÍ!**

No podemos dejar que nos quiten la habilidad de poder llevar a nuestros hijos/as al doctor cuando se enfermen.

No podemos volver a un tiempo cuando las familias tienen que esperar hasta que una enfermedad se convierta en una grave emergencia.

¿Qué es la Medida 101?

La Medida 101 asegura cobertura de atención médica a 1 millón de personas, incluyendo 400,000 niños.

Hospitales y otros proveedores de salud médica pagan una cuota para asegurar que nuestra comunidad pueda obtener cuidado de salud. Así es como nuestro estado puede pagar por el cuidado de la salud de los residentes de Oregon.

A través de este método, Oregon puede asegurar:

- Financiar el Plan de Salud de Oregon (OHP)
- Crear trabajos en cuidado de salud
- Fortalecer la economía

**¡Unidos Podemos Proteger y Asegurar
Nuestro Cuidado de Salud!**

(This information furnished by Linda Roman, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor

Yes on Measure 101: For A Healthy Rural Oregon

Rural and small-town Oregon is a vibrant part of our great state. The strength of rural Oregon depends on economic opportunity and job security. In rural Oregon, it is no surprise that access to healthcare, hospitals, clinics and doctors is vital to our wellbeing.

**Voting Yes on Measure 101 maintains access to
healthcare services in rural and small-town Oregon.**

In some rural counties, more than a third of families rely on Medicaid. Measure 101 protects Medicaid, which is a lifesaver for rural Oregonians and children. Up to 400,000 children in Oregon rely on Medicaid, and access to that affordable care ensures that families aren't bankrupted by medical bills.

In rural Oregon, 94.5 percent of residents currently have health coverage. The uninsured rate dropped by nearly 12 percent from 2013 to 2015. Turning our back on this progress would be devastating.

Measure 101 is critical for rural economies.

Healthcare access creates good jobs in rural areas. According to the National Center for Rural Health Works, healthcare jobs are higher paying jobs with better benefits than many industries in rural places.

In rural Oregon, over 6,800 jobs were added thanks to Medicaid expansion. Thousands of Oregonians are counting on those jobs to support their families.

**Measure 101 secures affordable
healthcare coverage for rural Oregon.**

In Oregon, as many as 20 rural counties were at risk of losing access to basic coverage until a reinsurance program stabilized costs for individuals buying their own coverage. **Measure 101 is a necessity — without it, insurance options could disappear and illness could mean serious financial ruin and significant health risks.**

**To Support Rural and Small-Town Oregon,
Vote Yes for Measure 101.**

Oregon's rural communities are stronger with access to affordable healthcare. Measure 101 provides that access. I encourage a Yes vote.

Robert Duehmig
Board President, Oregon Rural Health Association

<http://www.95percentoregon.com/>

(This information furnished by Ellie S Forness, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor

Organizations You Trust Endorse a YES Vote on Measure 101

The following groups support a YES vote on Measure 101 because Oregonians rely on the basic healthcare it provides.

Measure 101 protects healthcare coverage for one in four Oregonians, including 400,000 kids. No matter where you live or work, you should be able to see a doctor or nurse and get the care you need without facing bankruptcy.

The best thing about Measure 101? Oregon law says that funds collected cannot be used for anything besides healthcare.

That's why nurses, doctors, seniors' groups, medical groups, children's advocates, faith groups, rural and urban groups, progressive and conservative groups, and more all support a YES vote on Measure 101.

This measure is widely supported by over 100 trusted organizations. For the full list, visit www.yesforhealthcare.org/supporters.

AARP Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Medical Association
Children First for Oregon
Disability Rights Oregon
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Elders in Action
Children's Institute
Oregon Center for Christian Voices
Oregon Primary Care Association
Head Start Association of Oregon
Oregon Latino Health Coalition
Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
Oregon Rural Health Association
Coalition of Community Health Clinics
Oregon Public Health Institute
Oregon Education Association
Health Care for All Oregon
Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance
Northwest Health Foundation
Basic Rights Oregon
Causa
Oregon Center for Public Policy
NAACP Portland Branch
Oregon Consumer League
Oregon Health Equity Alliance
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
Oregon-PTA
PCUN
Alzheimer's Association of Oregon
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon
Campaign for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities
Latino Network
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
Main Street Alliance of Oregon
Oregon Health Care Association
OSPIRG
Family Forward Oregon
Oregon AFL-CIO
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
SEIU Local 49 & 503
Working Families Party
Urban League of Portland
Partnership for Safety and Justice
And more...

(This information furnished by Linda Roman, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS AGREE: YES ON MEASURE 101 PROTECTS HEALTHCARE FOR OREGONIANS

As the Democratic Senate President, and the Senate Republican Leader, we don't always agree. But on Measure 101, there's no question: Oregonians should vote YES.

Oregon has a plan for funding healthcare that really works for all of us. That plan is Measure 101.

Measure 101 protects healthcare coverage for the hundreds of thousands of kids, families, seniors and people with disabilities on the Oregon Health Plan. Measure 101 stabilizes insurance markets, saving working families an average of \$300 per year on their insurance premiums.

A healthy Oregon is a strong Oregon: More children will be able to succeed in school, more adults will be able to enter and thrive in the workforce, and more families will be able to balance their checkbooks at the end of the month.

We urge a YES vote on Measure 101 to make sure that Oregon families have access to the healthcare that they need.

Sen. Peter Courtney
(D-Salem)

Sen. Ted Ferrioli
(R-John Day)

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 to Preserve Care for Oregon's Kids, Seniors, and People With Disabilities.)

Argument in Favor

Northwest Health Foundation Supports Measure 101

Everyone deserves the chance to lead a healthy life. That includes affordable healthcare.

We know that:

- **Mothers** with access to affordable healthcare have healthier babies.
- **Students** with health insurance miss fewer days of school.
- **Employees** with access to affordable healthcare for themselves and their families are more productive and happier.
- **All Oregonians** benefit when families can see a doctor or nurse, and don't have to visit the ER for routine care.

Voting yes on Measure 101 means that, for the first time, every child in Oregon will have access to healthcare.

When our friends, family, coworkers and neighbors can afford healthcare, we all benefit.

By voting yes on Measure 101, you protect basic healthcare for Oregonians, including children, hardworking families, seniors and people with disabilities.

Let's make sure all Oregonians continue to receive the healthcare they deserve. Join us in voting YES on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Nichole June Maher, Northwest Health Foundation.)

Argument in Favor

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503 says YES for healthcare, YES on 101

We are a union of 65,000 Oregonians who provide services to seniors, people with disabilities, and children. We are members of every community in Oregon, from Portland to Malheur County, and we care about the direction of our state.

Today, 95 percent of Oregonians have health insurance, including every single child. It took years of bipartisan work to get to this point, which is why voting yes on Measure 101 is so important. It will protect the hard-won progress we've made on healthcare in Oregon.

Our union is proud to support Measure 101, along with dozens of other organizations, healthcare experts, Democrats and Republicans. Thousands of SEIU members get their insurance through the Oregon Health Plan. The people we serve depend on OHP and Medicaid. It's our families and our communities that will suffer if Measure 101 is voted down.

Voting yes on Measure 101 also protects the state budget. The funds raised by Measure 101 must be used for providing healthcare, and cannot be diverted to other purposes. Voting no would cut up to \$320 million from the healthcare budget, resulting in the loss of potentially \$5 billion in federal funding. That would throw the state budget and funding for low-income children, families, and people with disabilities into crisis.

We cannot go back to a time when people with disabilities were institutionalized, or when working families couldn't afford to send their children to the doctor. We cannot go back to a time when families had to wait until an illness became an emergency, and all of a sudden their kid is in a costly emergency room. We cannot go back to a time when healthcare was a privilege reserved for the wealthy.

Vote YES on Measure 101

Let's protect the progress we've made.

(This information furnished by Stacy Cowan, Service Employees International Union, Local 503.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Nurses Association Supports Measure 101

Nurses are Oregon's frontline health care providers, working throughout the state to care for patients and promote healthy communities for all.

We believe everyone in Oregon deserves health care

No one should have to make the decision between paying their rent or getting the care or medications they need when they are sick. When people have health coverage, they don't end up in emergency rooms when they get the flu or other routine illnesses. Measure 101 means Oregonians will continue to be able to access affordable and quality health care.

Access to care shouldn't break the bank

Measure 101 keeps 1 million of the most vulnerable Oregonians – including children, seniors, adults with disabilities, and families living on the edge insured through the Oregon Health Plan. It also lowers premium costs by \$300 a year for thousands of families who buy their own insurance.

Preventive care keeps our communities healthier and curbs costs

Routine check-ups cost significantly less than major surgeries or expensive medications that are necessary when diseases go untreated.

The brightest minds in health care came together to pass this law

Measure 101 asks voters to uphold the law the legislature passed, which is supported by hospitals, insurers, doctors, nurses, advocates, consumers, Democrats, and Republicans. The assessments on insurance companies and hospitals go into the state Health Services Fund and cannot be used for anything other than health care under state law.

95% of Oregonians now have health insurance. This coverage has saved lives, improved care, decreased the spread of preventable diseases, and reduced the number of people utilizing the ER as their only option to access health care.

Please join the Oregon Nurses Association in voting Yes on 101!

(This information furnished by Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Who uses the Oregon Health Plan? How does it change their lives?

We are doctors who work for Health Share of Oregon, a non-profit that brings together health plans, doctors, nurses, hospitals, and social service agencies to provide Oregon Health Plan services to more than 215,000 low-income Oregonians.

Measure 101 prevents cuts to the Oregon Health Plan that would affect our friends and neighbors:

By voting YES on Ballot Measure 101, you are voting to protect health care for:

- 1 of every 4 Oregonians
- More than 400,000 Oregon children
- 11,000 pregnant women
- 50% of babies born in Oregon each year
- 100% of Oregon's foster children
- More than 80,000 people with disabilities

By providing preventive care and protecting families from economic hardship caused by unaffordable medical bills, **Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan are proven to:**

- Increase high school graduation rates
- Lead to higher earning and lifetime incomes
- Reduce hospitalizations (saving on health care costs throughout the medical system)
- Create good-paying jobs in health care and related industries

We have dedicated our medical careers to serving low-income children and families because we know that the Oregon Health Plan results in healthier communities and helps end the cycle of poverty.

Vote YES on Ballot Measure 101 for healthy communities, strong families, and a productive economy for all Oregonians!

Dr. Maggie Bennington-Davis, Chief Medical Officer
Dr. Helen Bellanca, Associate Medical Director
Dr. David Labby, Health Strategy Advisor

(This information furnished by Ashlen M Strong, Health Share of Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

**ALL OREGON KIDS NEED HEALTH COVERAGE.
MEASURE 101 MAKES THAT POSSIBLE.**

Measure 101 means that all Oregon children will continue to have access to healthcare.

Healthcare makes a lifetime of difference for kids. The statistics show it.

Students with healthcare are more likely to attend class.

- According to Oregon Department of Human Services, "chronic health" concerns are consistently the number one reason Oregon students experience absenteeism, meaning they miss 10% or more days of school a year.

When parents have access to the care they need for their children, they use it, and children thrive.

- Kaiser Family Foundation reports that following enrollment in Medicaid, children are more likely to have use of preventive care and less likely to have unmet needs for physician services, prescription drugs, and dental, specialty, and hospital care.

When kids have healthcare, graduation rates increase, ensuring children are on track to become healthy, successful adults.

- The National Bureau of Economic Research found that a 10 percentage point increase in Medicaid eligibility among children in a state translated into a 5.2 percent decline in high school dropouts, a 1.1 percent increase in college attendance, and a 3.2 percent increase in students completing bachelor's degrees.

Access to health insurance is an indication of well-being; when families are insured, newborns are more likely to survive childbirth.

- A recent analysis by the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons found that a significantly high number of newborns die from sepsis if their parents have little income or lack health insurance.

Measure 101 provides funding that gives every child access to healthcare. Measure 101 means peace of mind for families, greater chances of success in school, and a longer, healthier life for Oregon children.

Vote YES on Measure 101 for a brighter future for all of Oregon's children.

Children's Institute

Oregon Education Association

Children First for Oregon

Oregon Head Start Association

Oregon-PTA

(This information furnished by Ellie S Forness, Vote Yes on 101 to Protect Oregon Kids.)

Argument in Favor

**MEASURE 101 IS VITAL TO PROTECT
SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES**

As a small business owner and mother, I can tell you just how important Measure 101 is for hard-working small business owners across Oregon.

My husband and I run a restaurant and there is a lot of joy in owning our own business. But it comes with a lot of challenges, too. **One persistent challenge we have faced is being able to afford health coverage for our family.**

We purchase our insurance through the marketplace, and like many small business owners, have seen rising premiums. Luckily, we have coverage for us and for our kids. Without affordable care, a family like ours would be facing catastrophe should an unforeseen medical emergency occur.

We're voting YES on Measure 101 because it stabilizes insurance premiums. If the measure passes, small business owners like us will see an average of \$300/year in savings on our healthcare bill.

Measure 101 gives families across Oregon the security they need to raise healthy, happy children by ensuring everyone has access to primary and preventative care. This keeps people out of the emergency room, keeping costs down for all of us.

Staying healthy also allows us to contribute to the economy. My husband is the chef and day-to-day manager at our restaurant, and our employees rely on us to show up every day. If we get sick, we not only put our own livelihood at risk, but that of our employees' as well.

If Measure 101 fails, I don't know how small business owners like me would foot the bill for even higher premiums.

Supporting Measure 101 is not just the right thing to do, it's a vote to support our economy.

Please stand up for small business owners all across Oregon. Vote YES on Measure 101.

Elizabeth Petrosian
Owner, Burrasca Restaurant, Portland

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 to Keep Working Families Covered.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 101 protects healthcare for some of our most vulnerable children

As the mother of a child with physical and developmental disabilities, the resources and services the Oregon Health Plan provides to my family are truly life-saving.

My child is one of thousands of disabled Oregonians who receive Medicaid for things like respite care for families.

Without access to the Oregon Health Plan, I can't imagine how we would get by. My family would struggle to afford the care that my child needs to survive and thrive each day.

My daughter is physically and developmentally disabled, necessitating round-the-clock care. For my family, the Oregon Health Plan covers things like diapers – a \$400/month expense – and the necessary respite care for my husband and I.

We are fortunate to have comprehensive employer coverage but after just 4 years of caring for our daughter, we are still thousands of dollars in debt from our out-of-pocket medical expenses. The Oregon Health Plan has helped us cover the large costs of caring for a disabled child that primary insurance does not cover.

Our daughter has great primary health insurance, but ultimately, our family remains at risk for going bankrupt due to medical costs. No family should have to go into debt simply because they can't afford healthcare for their child.

For thousands of families like mine, Measure 101 makes a world of difference not only in the physical and mental health of my daughter, but also for our entire family.

Regardless of income, disability, location, or lot in life, all Oregonians deserve qualify affordable care. I hope you'll defend healthcare for thousands of kids in Oregon and join children's advocates across the state in supporting Measure 101.

-Lisa L., West Linn, Oregon

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 to Preserve Healthcare for Oregon's Most Vulnerable.)

Argument in Favor

How Measure 101 Works to Provide Healthcare for Oregonians

Measure 101 provides healthcare coverage for 1,000,000 vulnerable Oregonians (including 400,000 kids) through a tried and true funding method: assessments on health insurance companies, hospitals, and other healthcare providers. The federal government matches dollars secured at the state level. Through this method, Oregon brings billions in new revenue to the state to fund Medicaid, create jobs and bolster the economy.

Here's how it works:

The federal government helps states pay for Medicaid. In Oregon, our Medicaid program is the Oregon Health Plan. It serves vulnerable citizens, such as children, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income working families.



Medicaid is mostly funded with federal dollars. To secure federal help, states have to invest first. For every \$1 Oregon contributes, the federal government pays up to \$16 into the Medicaid program. **It's a good deal.** That's why 49 states use assessments like the ones in Measure 101.



Oregon has used provider assessments to fund healthcare for Oregon families since 2004. Assessments are strictly monitored and directed to healthcare. Oregon law dictates that assessments in Measure 101 cannot be used for anything other than healthcare.



The assessments in Measure 101 raise \$210-\$320 million for healthcare. Those dollars are then matched by the federal government. State dollars raised from Measure 101 will bring up to \$5 billion into Oregon in matching dollars for **stabilizing premiums and funding Medicaid for kids, seniors, and adults with disabilities who need care.**



With healthcare, families aren't forced to use high-cost emergency room visits for primary care, or put off getting the treatment or medications they need until their problems become acute and expensive.



Measure 101 is just common sense. It helps families, including seniors, people with disabilities and 400,000 children, by providing coverage, reducing emergency room visits, and lowering the cost curve on healthcare.

Vote Yes on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Ellie S Forness, Vote Yes on 101 to Keep Oregon Healthy and Preserve Access to Affordable Healthcare.)

Argument in Favor

The Doctors of the Oregon Medical Association Say Vote YES on Measure 101 It's Critical for Oregon's Health Care

The Oregon Medical Association is an organization of over 8,000 physicians, physician assistants, and medical and physician assistant students. Our mission is to serve and support physicians in their efforts to improve the health of Oregonians.

Part of our duty is to inform Oregonians on issues that are critical to their health and health care. That is why we write to urge a YES vote on Measure 101.

As medical professionals, we see every day the difference that access to affordable health coverage makes on people and the state as a whole:

It saves lives. Preventive care, early detection, and treatment are only possible if people have access to see a doctor.

It increases security. Lack of health care coverage causes incredible stress, and the cost of uncovered care can bankrupt families and small businesses.

It saves money. If people wait until they are seriously ill before seeking treatment, usually through an Emergency Room, their medical care becomes far more expensive. That is a cost that all consumers end up paying.

- **Measure 101 preserves health care coverage for the 1 in 4 Oregonians** – especially kids, seniors, and people with disabilities – who otherwise couldn't afford a doctor's visit.
- **Measure 101 reduces premiums for an additional 210,000 Oregonians**, taking their health care from unaffordable to affordable.
- **The money from Measure 101 also unlocks federal matching dollars, up to \$16 for every \$1 generated in Oregon.** If Measure 101 does not pass, we could lose up to \$3 to \$5 billion in federal health care funding.

For all these reasons, every Oregonian has a stake in Measure 101.

Please join the medical professionals of the Oregon Medical Association by voting YES on 101.

(This information furnished by Trevor R Beltz, Oregon Medical Association.)

Argument in Favor

AARP OREGON SUPPORTS MEASURE 101

Measure 101 helps seniors, their families & all working Oregonians

Measure 101:

- Provides funding for healthcare to make sure that our kids, our parents, and our grandparents have access to the quality, affordable care they need.
- Stabilizes the individual insurance marketplace, saving the average Oregonian who buys their own coverage up to \$300 a year in insurance premiums.
- Is an assessment (or fee) on hospitals, insurance companies and other healthcare providers. It will be paid by those providers, not Oregon taxpayers.

Like AARP Oregon, Oregon's hospitals and other providers support Measure 101 because it is the best way to get basic healthcare to the most people. Measure 101 will assure adequate funding for the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's Medicaid program, which provides coverage for low-income and vulnerable Oregonians, and for a program to stabilize rates and premiums in the individual health insurance market.

Cuts to the Oregon Health Plan without Measure 101 would lead to a loss of federal Medicaid matching funds, that could exceed \$1 billion, and possible coverage losses for more than 300,000 Oregonians.

Measure 101 helps grow Oregon's economy.

Without it, we could face significant job loss and fewer opportunities for Oregonians in the healthcare field. Some studies suggest that the state could lose 45,000 health-related jobs without Measure 101.

Without Measure 101, Oregon will face a budget hole that could force the state to take funds away from other critical services, like care and support for older Oregonians and their families, education, public safety, safe bridges and roads, and job creation.

Without Measure 101, families seeking healthcare in rural communities would be especially hard hit.

Measure 101 helps stabilize the individual insurance market, ensuring that plans remain available in rural areas where access to health insurance and care can be more limited.

AARP Oregon urges you to vote Yes on Measure 101 to keep Oregon healthy, our health care affordable, and our economy strong and growing.

(This information furnished by Jonathan D Bartholomew, AARP Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Basic Rights Oregon strongly endorses Measure 101, because everyone should have access to healthcare they can afford.

Oregonians have worked hard to create a state that is inclusive and provides healthcare access to 100 percent of kids and 95 percent of adults, including LGBTQ Oregonians.

Our goal at Basic Rights Oregon is to ensure that all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) Oregonians experience equality. We know that healthcare access is life-saving, particularly for transgender Oregonians who continue to face societal rejection and outright discrimination—leading more than 40 percent to attempt suicide in their lifetimes.

When transgender Oregonians have access to affordable and affirming healthcare, this suicide risk drops dramatically, and they are able to earn a living and make valuable contributions to our state.

One clear example of this is Vicente, a musician living in Southeast Portland:

Vicente plays classic acoustic and jazz guitar and works as a server to make ends meet. In the spring of 2016, he began experiencing severe abdominal pain, causing nausea and painful breathing. The symptoms were so debilitating, it forced him to miss work, almost losing his job. As a low-wage worker, Vicente is enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan. He was able to see a doctor, who discovered he had hereditary gallbladder disease and needed surgery to remove his gallbladder.

After completing surgery, he spent three weeks recovering at home and returned to the workforce. Had his gallbladder not been removed, it could have ruptured, risking severe blood infection, which is life-threatening.

Thanks to the Oregon Health Plan, Vicente and thousands of other LGBTQ Oregonians have access to affordable healthcare.

Let's keep it that way.

At Basic Rights Oregon, we believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Measure 101 will ensure that hard-working and vulnerable Oregonians can afford the care they need.

Vote yes on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Diane Goodwin, Basic Rights Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Doctors, Nurses, Hospitals and Healthcare Advocates say Yes to Measure 101

When all Oregonians have access to healthcare, our communities thrive. That's why nurses, doctors, pediatricians, hospitals, other health providers and patient advocates have come together to support Measure 101, which will:

- Protect health coverage for 1 million Oregonians who get their care through the Oregon Health Plan – including seniors, adults with disabilities and 400,000 children.
- Save 220,000 working Oregonians who buy their own insurance \$300 per year on their insurance premiums

As providers and caregivers, we support Measure 101 because it provides preventive care through regular check-ups, immunizations, and health education, keeping people healthier and saving us all money in the long run.

We all thrive and save money when families don't have to depend on high-cost emergency room visits for their primary care. Measure 101 makes that a reality.

Voting yes on Measure 101 will:

- Ensure that all children have preventive care, which will ultimately curb the onset of chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease, minimizing healthcare costs in adulthood.
- Minimize the number of Oregonians that utilize high-cost emergency care as their only form of healthcare.
- Lower costs for Oregonians who purchase private insurance

Oregon law dictates that Measure 101 **must** be used to fund healthcare, and the funds cannot be diverted elsewhere.

The healthcare experts throughout Oregon support Measure 101:

AARP Oregon

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Oregon Medical Association

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Oregon Health Equity Alliance

Coalition of Community Health Clinics

Health Care for All Oregon

Coalition for a Healthy Oregon (COHO)

Central City Concern

CareOregon

Oregon Health Care Association

Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals

Oregon Primary Care Association

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon

Oregon School-Based Health Alliance

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

Oregon Public Health Institute

Northwest Health Foundation

Upstream Public Health

(This information furnished by Ellie S Forness, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 101 is needed for small business owners and our kids!

My name is Jesse Guevara. I'm a small business owner in Bend and I know firsthand how important health insurance coverage is for kids and families.

You never know when a member of your family will get sick, and when you own a restaurant like I do, that is really stressful. Personally, I was diagnosed with kidney disease when I was uninsured. Thankfully, I was able to get on Medicare and now I can see a doctor to manage my health awhile I await a kidney transplant.

Thanks to my healthcare coverage, I can focus on my family and growing my small business.

My kids are also on the Oregon Health Plan, and that brings my family peace of mind. This hasn't always been the case, but now our kids will get their wellness visits, immunizations, and routine preventative care. **I know that if my kids get sick, I am able to get them to a pediatrician without financial strain.**

Without Medicaid for our kids, we would return to the days when the emergency room was the first place we turned for their healthcare. **I know I am not alone in this. Now that 100% of children have coverage, parents will be able to focus what is important — our kids!**

Measure 101 makes sure that 100% of kids will continue to have access to the Oregon Health Plan.

Vote YES on 101. It's what's best for small business owners and families across Oregon!

**Jesse Guevara
Small Business Owner, Bend, OR**

(This information furnished by Linda Roman, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON'S LEADING RACIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101

Urban League of Portland

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

Causa

Oregon Latino Health Coalition (OLHC)

Unite Oregon

Oregon COFA Project

Acción Política PCUNista

Chinese American Citizen's Alliance Portland Lodge

NAACP Portland Branch

Latino Network

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)

Forward Together

PCUN

Micronesian Islander Community

Yes on Measure 101 protects the gains we have made to ensure that quality healthcare is available for ALL children, elders, small businesses, working families, and rural communities.

Yes on Measure 101 levels the playing field for Communities of Color who face some of the biggest barriers to optimal health.

Communities of Color in Oregon face an increased risk for:

- Chronic disease
- Cancer
- Reduced life-expectancy
- Being disproportionately susceptible to the social determinants of health that hinder the ability to seek and use health services

We can trust that our YES vote WILL secure and ensure that the healthcare coverage we all count on continues.

Measure 101 guarantees that funding for healthcare continues and is used only for providing healthcare.

Voting YES for Measure 101 is simply the right thing to do for children, elders, and people with disabilities.

Measure 101 helps ensure care is secured for over 1 million Oregonians.

- When children have healthcare, children succeed in our schools.
- When working parents have healthcare they can afford, they can better support their families.

- When Communities of Color can access culturally competent healthcare, community health is strengthened and health disparities are addressed.

We all save costs and prevent needless suffering when families have health insurance and aren't forced to go to the ER.

Measure 101 is good for Oregon families because we all pay the price when healthcare is delayed.

Vote YES for Measure 101 by January 23rd, 2018

(This information furnished by Aldo Solano, Oregon Latino Health Coalition.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon is Strongest When People are Healthy

That's Why the Human Services Coalition of Oregon Endorses a Yes Vote on Measure 101

For 20 years, the Human Services Coalition of Oregon has promoted the well-being of all Oregonians through sound public policy. We work every day to protect the quality of life of all Oregonians.

We believe that Oregon is strongest when people are healthy and have the healthcare they need. Measure 101 protects healthcare for families by funding healthcare and stabilizing premiums costs. These dollars are put into a dedicated fund that must be used for healthcare and cannot be diverted.

Healthcare for families.
Stabilizing insurance costs.
Dedicating every dollar.

These are the principles for good healthcare policy. Measure 101 does them all.

Why you should vote Yes:

- **Vote Yes** to give access to the 400,000 kids that rely on the Oregon Health Plan for their insurance. No child should get sick and fall behind in school due to their family's inability to afford a doctor's visit.
- **Vote Yes** to protect healthcare for 1 million Oregonians on the Oregon Health Plan. In some counties in Oregon, as many as 30% of Oregon families rely on the Oregon Health Plan for basic insurance.
- **Vote Yes** to stabilize insurance premiums. Measure 101 reduces premiums for every one of the 210,000 who buy private insurance. Measure 101 makes sure that every county gives families access to affordable insurance plans.
- **Vote Yes** for Oregon's economy. Measure 101 helps bring \$5 billion to Oregon to pay for healthcare for families in need. This money creates jobs, protects families and builds our economy.
- **Vote Yes** to support this bipartisan agreement to strengthen healthcare for all Oregonians.

Join Human Services Coalition of Oregon and its 90 member organizations in Voting Yes on Measure 101

Oregon Primary Care Association
Neighborhood Partnerships
Elders in Action
Disabilities Rights Oregon
Children First for Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association
Central City Concern

(This information furnished by Jessica Chambers, The Human Services Coalition of Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Jefferson Regional Health Alliance is a cross-sector collaborative of regional leaders working together to improve the health and healthcare of Southern Oregonians. (We are a 501c3 serving Jackson and Josephine Counties.)

A **YES** vote on Ballot Measure 101 will **affirm support** for the Healthcare Protections Bill passed by the legislature. This plan was developed by current healthcare experts and advocates throughout Oregon. It is supported by state medical, dental, nurses and hospital associations.

Passage will provide funding to maintain healthcare expansion and bring significant federal dollars to Oregon in matching funds. Passage ensures that health coverage continues without interruption for people on the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's version of Medicaid. The healthcare of hundreds of thousands of Oregonians, particularly the working and middle-class, is at stake.

Please join us in voting **Yes for Healthcare!**

JEFFERSON REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Lee Murdoch MD – JRHA Board Chair
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Donald Bruland – Community Advocate
Peter Buckley – Project Manager, Southern Oregon Success
Brian Gross MD – Retired Cardiologist
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Jennifer Lind – CEO, Jackson Care Connect
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Christine Mason – President & CEO, Addictions Recovery Center
William North – CEO, Rogue Community Health
Maggie Sullivan – Executive Director, Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon
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Bruce VanZee MD – Retired Nephrologist

(This information furnished by Angela K Warren, Collaboration Manager, Jefferson Regional Health Alliance.)

Argument in Favor

League of Women Voters of Oregon urges a Yes on Measure 101

The League of Women Voters of Oregon urges voters to support continued healthcare coverage for Oregon's children, seniors, people with disabilities, low income adults and families.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) is a grassroots, nonpartisan political non-profit organization that encourages informed and active participation in government in order to build better communities statewide. Our legislative action committee and LWVOR Board analyzed Measure 101. They determined it is vital to protecting the health and pocket-books of Oregonians.

Measure 101 makes sure all Oregonians can access basic healthcare at a price they can afford.

Provider Assessments are Tried and True

Legislators from both parties, healthcare advocates and experts, nurses, doctors, hospitals and other providers have worked over the last 8 years to build a workable and efficient healthcare plan for all Oregonians. Measure 101 is that plan.

Oregon has used provider assessments since 2004 to access federal matching dollars for providing healthcare. Without these assessments that are currently in place, Oregon leaves valuable federal dollars unclaimed and would then take away coverage from hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who currently have the Oregon Health Plan. Measure 101 guarantees continued funding of the Oregon Health Plan.

Oregon Families Will Benefit from Measure 101

The League believes access to healthcare services will prevent greater healthcare costs for all in the future. Please support these assessments to strengthen healthcare system, promote a healthier population, and ensure the flow of matching federal funds into Oregon's healthcare budget.

Vote Yes on Measure 101 to maintain the current health care services for our children, low income families, seniors and people with disabilities.

(This information furnished by C N Turrill, President, League of Women Voters of Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON PARENTS KNOW MEASURE 101 PROTECTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

During the Great Recession in 2010, I lost my job as a pre-school teacher – and with it, my health insurance. As a mother of four, my thoughts immediately went to my children. I knew that a broken bone or a serious diagnosis for any one of us could bankrupt my family. I was terrified.

Thankfully, I was able to purchase insurance because of the Affordable Care Act.

In 2013, a routine exam led to a cancer diagnosis. If I didn't have access to affordable care, we wouldn't have caught the cancer early – and I might not be here today. Instead, I got to see my daughters' weddings, and will be able to see my seven grandchildren grow up. I owe my life to the fact that Oregon had affordable health insurance for people like me.

Today, I'm a personal support worker, helping people with disabilities who get their health care through the Oregon Health Plan. There are too many people – like me, my clients, and thousands of others – who are at risk of going bankrupt from medical debt if our basic health coverage is taken away.

No one should put off routine exams because they don't have health insurance. Having access to basic care saved my life.

No one should live with the anxiety of knowing that an unforeseen illness could bankrupt them. Health coverage means long-term financial security.

That's why families and advocates across Oregon, including Democrats and Republicans alike, are supporting Measure 101.

Every Oregonian deserves a fair shot – and that starts with making sure people have the care they need to stay healthy.

Join me in standing up for Oregon families by voting YES on Measure 101.
-Maleta C. Myrtle Creek, Oregon

(This information furnished by Stacy Cowan, Service Employees International Union Local 503.)

Argument in Favor

Good for the economy: Measure 101 means accessible, affordable healthcare and good jobs

Passing Measure 101 is essential to maintain the progress made expanding access to affordable health insurance in every region of our state.

Broadening Medicaid coverage has been shown to have a dramatically larger positive impact in the country than in bigger cities. (1)

- Measure 101 creates funding for affordable health insurance for families, children, seniors, and people living with disabilities. The law is written so the funds can only go toward healthcare. It allows us to keep the Oregon Health Plan expansion and help families buy good health insurance that fits their budgets.

- Better access to healthcare means a more productive workforce, which attracts business investment. Keeping local hospitals and clinics open means good jobs and a more diverse economy. Healthcare workers earn higher wages and better benefits than many industries, especially in rural communities. (2)

Without Measure 101, some Oregon families could be forced to pay out-of-pocket for care:

- Without Measure 101, up to twenty Oregon counties risk losing access to basic health insurance plans. We need Measure 101 in order to maintain healthcare access and stabilize costs for Oregonians buying insurance on the open market in rural counties.
- Without health insurance, people often forego preventive care, risking serious medical consequences and bankruptcy. When people get their care in emergency rooms, it drives up costs in the whole healthcare system.

Measure 101 uses tried and true methods, and the money can't be spent on anything besides healthcare.

- Measure 101 reinstates a healthcare provider assessment similar to ones the state has used since 2004 to fund healthcare. Health provider assessments are relied on by 49 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

I encourage a Yes vote to keep crucial health insurance coverage, healthcare providers, and healthcare employment in every part of Oregon.

Mary C. King,
Professor of Economics Emerita
Portland State University

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(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 to Keep Healthcare Accessible and Affordable.)

Argument in Favor

MEASURE 101 PROTECTS ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE.

As a clinical director for a mental health clinic in Salem, I'm supporting Measure 101 because I know the difference the Oregon Health Plan has made for our clients.

When the Affordable Care Act passed:

350,000 low-income Oregonians had access to basic healthcare coverage for the first time

Among this membership, **319,000** were estimated to have a need for mental health services.

This included **thousands of people** with substance abuse disorders;

12.5% of Oregon Health Plan recipients reported struggling with addiction.

When those in need of mental health care are forced to piece together solutions on their own, they are often bankrupted trying to pay out of pocket, end up seeking help in high-cost emergency rooms, or go without care altogether. When Medicaid expansion finally gave people the coverage they needed, **people flooded through the doors of clinics like ours - many with no medical records and without the decades of treatment they had needed.**

Without Measure 101, we would be set back 10 years - to a time with more expensive care, overcrowded ERs, and fewer clinics providing significantly fewer services.

With Measure 101, Oregonians fare better:

Oregon Health Plan coverage is protected for **1 million Oregonians** who have finally been able to access the care they need and deserve.

All Oregonians will have **access to mental health** care so they can get help for an addiction, talk to a professional when they're in crisis, or get medication when they need it.

Fewer Oregonians have to visit emergency rooms with psychiatric emergencies, because they're already getting the **stable care** they need.

With mental health care through OHP, many of our clients have gone back to work and are able to provide for their families.

I hope you'll join me in voting **yes on Measure 101**, because every Oregonian deserves comprehensive care.

Jackie Haddon LCSW

Clinical Director
Valley Mental Health, Salem

(This information furnished by Jackie Haddon, Clinical Director, Valley Mental Health.)

Argument in Favor**Healthcare workers urge a "YES" on Measure 101.**

Advocates Unite is an organization of healthcare workers serving every part of our state. We are eyewitnesses to the fact that when Oregonians have access to medical care, Oregon prospers.

Measure 101 keeps costs down by making sure Oregonians continue to have access to primary care.

More Oregonians than ever before have health insurance. Measure 101 keeps it that way by continuing to fund the Oregon Health Plan at its current level. Oregonians with health insurance do not delay seeking help when they are sick. They have primary care providers, get regular check ups and timely preventive care, like immunizations and cancer screenings. They can take care of their basic health and avoid going to the ER, saving costs for themselves and other taxpayers.

Measure 101 protects women and children.

A "YES" vote on Measure 101 helps ensure that ALL Oregon kids have access to Medicaid. Supporting Medicaid also ensures that every pregnant woman receives comprehensive prenatal care so babies can thrive.

A yes vote on Measure 101 keeps people healthy and insured.

As medical providers on the frontline of delivering healthcare, we are steadfast in our belief that uninterrupted access to medical care is the key to healthy communities and in the future prevent unnecessary costs to taxpayers.

Please vote "YES" on Measure 101 for a healthy Oregon.

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(This information furnished by Laurel K Hallock Koppelman, Advocates Unite.)

Argument in Favor**Children First for Oregon Endorses a "Yes" Vote for Measure 101**

Measure 101 will protect the healthcare of thousands of Oregon families and their kids.

Healthy Kids = More Opportunities = Better Outcomes

Access to healthcare is a lifeline for families. Oregon has made huge strides by ensuring for the first time that healthcare coverage will be available to every kid in every county. This means that more families can schedule regular appointments with doctors and nurses, and it means they can receive care when an unexpected illness or injury occurs. We can't afford to roll back that progress. Vote "YES" on Measure 101.

Regular Healthcare Means Fewer**Emergency Room Visits for Oregon Kids**

If you have children, you know that a child's sick day equals missed work for you and missed school for your child. For many kids, healthcare coverage makes it possible to show up to class and learn every day. Studies have shown that children with healthcare coverage are more successful in school, miss fewer school days, and are more likely to graduate on time.

Fortunately, a record number of kids in our state have a fair shot at a bright future because of Oregon's success in healthcare coverage.

Protecting Kids is a Good Investment

AND

The Right Thing to Do

Oregon's future depends on the foundation we build for our state's 860,000 kids, nearly half of whom rely on the Oregon Health Plan to access care. Our kids need the opportunity to grow up healthy. A "YES" vote will safeguard healthcare coverage for kids and their families by continuing to fund the Oregon Health Plan, keeping Oregon kids on the path toward success.

Children First for Oregon asks all voters to vote "YES" on Measure 101**For Our Kids, For Our Future!**

(This information furnished by Katherine M Hendrix, Outreach & Communications Director, Children First for Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

Join Central City Concern in voting YES on Measure 101

Since 1979, Central City Concern (CCC) has provided solutions to ending homelessness through health care, recovery, housing and employment services. CCC's 13 Federally Qualified Health Center sites annually serve more than 8,000 of Oregon's most vulnerable patients with integrated primary and behavioral health care, community mental health services, detoxification, inpatient and outpatient recovery services, naturopathic treatments and a pharmacy.

Measure 101 allows CCC to serve more people in need. Without Measure 101, 2,000 of our patients may lose access to treatment. A quarter are 55 or older; 58 percent have a serious or persistent mental illness.

Stable health care helps people stay housed.

"Through the Oregon Health Plan, Central City Concern has improved the health of thousands of Oregonians who need our help the most. We've demonstrated better care and lower costs. We know our community wants to ensure people get access to needed treatment."

**Rachel Solotaroff, MD,
Central City Concern president and CEO**

"I'm in recovery and a member of the Oregon Health Plan. Two years ago, I was homeless and addicted to heroin. I was mentally, physically and emotionally unhealthy. I had abscesses that weren't taken care of because I had no medical care. I couldn't afford my medication and wasn't aware of services.

I had tried to get clean many times, but CCC helped get me on the Oregon Health Plan and on medication assisted treatment (MAT) to help me get through the first excruciating months of withdrawal symptoms.

I now have permanent employment and housing, and plan to return to school. I'm so thankful for the support and services I've received, and I hope others will have the same opportunities. The Oregon Health Plan gave me the opportunity to have a positive, healthy life as a productive, employed member of society."

Lisa G., Central City Concern patient

Help us preserve our services and make our community healthier. Vote Yes on 101.

(This information furnished by Susan Wickstrom, Central City Concern.)

Argument in Favor

HEALTHY KIDS DO BETTER IN SCHOOL. VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101.

I'm supporting Measure 101 because access to healthcare for Oregon children is imperative to their success.

As a nurse practitioner working in a Student Health Center in Portland, my goal is to keep kids healthy and ready to learn! Our clinic is one of a handful that provides comprehensive physical and mental healthcare to school-age kids without any charge to the family, whether or not they have insurance.

I'm very proud of the work that we do, but I'm no miracle worker, and I see first-hand the difference that living without insurance makes. Like the young man who didn't have access to a growth hormone in his earlier years, and by the time he came to see me, it was too late to help him grow. Or a little girl who was kept from playing sports for years because of her asthma and never got the chance to play. It breaks my heart when I see a child that has been suffering for years with a treatable illness.

More than half the children in Oregon are covered by the Oregon Health Plan - 400,000 kids. And with Measure 101, all Oregon children who are currently covered through the Oregon Health Plan will be able to keep their coverage and their current benefits.

When kids are healthy, they learn better. They stay in school. They have more opportunities and they're not saddled with huge debts from medical expenses.

I am fortunate in my job that I get to see patients like these who are finally able to access care. But let's not go back to the old days of families living in fear of a child's broken bone meaning complete bankruptcy.

**It's critical that we keep Oregon kids healthy:
Vote Yes on Measure 101**

– Amanda Cort, FNP, Portland

(This information furnished by Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Public Schools Are Doing Such a GREAT Job...

...The Legislature Decided to Defund Schools by \$25,000,000!

You read that right!

Governor Brown and Oregon's Legislature clearly believe our schools are doing such a fantastic job, and that our schools have more than enough money, they decided **schools can AFFORD to be generous and give up \$25 MILLION DOLLARS* for a healthcare sales tax!** (**Portland Business Journal, 11/1/17*)

Nearly every Oregon public school district buys its health insurance for teachers and school employees in the Large Group Insurance Market.

Section 5 of House Bill 2391 charges a 1.5% tax on all plans in the individual, small and large group markets. Section 8 allows Insurance Companies to pass the tax onto purchasers. That means \$25 MILLION coming collectively from district budgets across Oregon.

Of course, Governor Brown and the Legislature ALWAYS make the best possible decisions for Oregonians.

Here's the criteria we think politicians must have used when they voted to sweep \$25 MILLION from school district budgets:

- Oregon's "**C-minus**" grade and **48th worst-in-the-nation ranking*** beats the bottom two states—YEAH!!! (*Edweek.org, 2017*)
- Having one of the worst graduation rates in America* won't keep our kids down! (*Oregonian, 1/26/17*)
- Oregon's **20% of chronically absent students*** isn't a real problem, it SAVES schools money when kids don't attend! (*Oregonian, 10/23/17*)
- It's all good because we let kids opt-out of testing*. If we don't know how bad they're doing, then we don't need to make new investments! (*Oregonian, 9/17/17*)

Come on...can you think of *any other reason* why 56 "bipartisan" legislators and Governor Brown would think TAXING SCHOOLS is a great idea?

It couldn't possibly be the \$2,779,756.40* they collectively received from healthcare special interest PACs! ([*oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org))

If you think our schools can spare \$25,000,000 to pay for the mismanagement of Oregon's Medicaid program, then vote yes on 101.

If you're as shocked as we are about \$25,000,000 in taxes being sucked out of our schools, **VOTE NO on 101!**

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON'S FAITH LEADERS SUPPORT MEASURE 101

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

A Yes Vote Keeps Oregon Healthy

As leaders in our faith communities, the decision to support Measure 101 is an easy one. **Measure 101 means that more Oregon families will be able to access the life-saving care they need, and the basic care they deserve to live their lives with dignity.**

When more families have health coverage, they can see a doctor when they need it. That means more dignity and less stress for our neighbors.

We believe Christ calls upon us to take this opportunity to stand with our friends and neighbors. Investing in a healthy Oregon lifts up those with medical needs, prevents illness and saves our communities heartache and missed potential. By providing basic preventive care to those on Medicaid, our friends and neighbors are able to be more productive and healthy members of our community.

Jesus constantly reminds us that it is our duty to take care of children, the sick and the poor. All Oregonians deserve to get the care they need when they are ill.

That is why Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Oregon Center for Christian Voices support Measure 101.

Join us and VOTE YES on Measure 101 for a better, healthier, more equitable Oregon.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:35-40

(This information furnished by John A Calhoun, Treasurer, Oregon Center for Christian Voices.)

Argument in Favor

I'm counting on you to vote YES on Measure 101.

Here's why: I'm an Emergency Room nurse in Bend. Every day, I meet people who need emergency care. Sometimes it's just a cut or a broken bone; sometimes, it's much worse - a car accident or a heart attack. After hundreds of nights at the hospital, you start to see trends. The most insidious trend is the pattern of illness you see when people come to the ER without health insurance.

Health insurance allows my patients to get the care they need when they need it. When people lack health insurance, they don't have access to preventive care, and they end up in the ER sicker than they should be. That's just not right.

Access to affordable health care changes people's lives - literally.

Measure 101 will keep us from going back to the time when many Oregonians' only health care was at the ER.

A YES on Measure 101 will mean that hundreds of thousands of Oregonians can keep their access to affordable care. It will ensure that every kid can see a doctor or nurse when they're sick, hopefully avoiding a trip to the ER.

Measure 101 ensures that we don't move backwards on access to affordable care - and that families don't end up in the hospital with bills they can't pay because they didn't have the health coverage they needed.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101 AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR OREGON FAMILIES.

John Nangle, RN, CEN Bend

(This information furnished by Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Favor

Supporting the Oregon Health Plan is our top line of defense against the opioid epidemic.

**Healthy People = Healthy Communities.
Vote Yes on Measure 101.**

At Bridgeway Recovery Services, we help people improve the health of their mind, body, and relationships through addiction recovery, mental health therapy, and primary medical care. We hold the belief that healthy people are the foundation of strong communities.

Unfortunately, our community is currently devastated by opioid misuse. In Oregon, more drug poisoning deaths involve prescription opioids than any other type of drug, including alcohol, methamphetamines, heroin, and cocaine. **On average, 3 Oregonians die every week from prescription opioid overdose**, and many more develop opioid use disorder.

Thousands of opioid misuse deaths could be prevented.

- Since the Affordable Care Act passed, over 300,000 people have accessed mental health care for the first time.
- Roughly 40,000 people utilize the Oregon Health Plan to receive treatment for substance abuse.
- Thousands more Oregonians still want and need treatment, and Measure 101 gets us closer to serving them than ever before.

With Measure 101, 95% of Oregonians will have comprehensive healthcare coverage.

I've personally seen hundreds of lives turned around thanks to access to treatment through Oregon Health Plan. Like the mom who was able to get clean, find a stable job and pay rent for her and her kids. Like the young woman who sought treatment, beat her addiction, and went on to graduate from college. The stories are countless.

I can't imagine what would happen if Measure 101 isn't passed and comprehensive coverage is taken from over 300,000 people, especially when thousands are in the middle of receiving treatment and recovery services.

We all want our state to become a better place to live and work. Measure 101 gets us there by ensuring healthcare, including addiction treatment, is accessible to those who need it most.

Please vote Yes on Measure 101.

Tim Murphy
Chief Executive Officer, Bridgeway Recovery Services, Salem

(This information furnished by Tim Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, Bridgeway Recovery Services.)

Argument in Favor

THE OREGON BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL URGES YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 101

The Oregon Building Trades Council represents more than 30,000 construction workers who, in partnership with their employers, purchase health insurance on the private market. Measure 101 is important to us because our premiums will rise significantly if the measure is not approved.

Measure 101 is an extremely important funding plan that passed in the legislature with support from Republicans, Democrats, labor, management, physicians, nurses and patient advocate groups.

Why support Measure 101?

Measure 101 keeps our premiums low and funds healthcare for low-income Oregonians, children and people with disabilities. This funding plan unlocks \$5 billion of federal money. If we don't claim it, our federal tax dollars will go to other states!

Funds raised by Measure 101 are **required** to be used for healthcare. Voters can rest assured that this money is not going toward programs we don't need.

What happens if it fails?

If Measure 101 fails, 350,000 Oregonians could lose their healthcare coverage. That would cause our insurance premiums to increase because the costs of expensive hospital care for uninsured people are included in all of our premiums.

Can't the state fund healthcare another way?

Oregon is already leading the nation in bending the healthcare cost curve. A no vote would pull up to \$5 billion from the state. This would result in cuts to education, public safety and environmental protection budgets.

WE NEED MEASURE 101 TO KEEP OREGON HEALTHY AND STRONG. PLEASE JOIN THE OREGON BUILDING TRADES' 30,000 MEMBERS IN VOTING YES!

-Tim Frew, Executive Secretary

OBTC is comprised of 22 member unions representing boilermakers, bricklayers, cement masons, electrical workers, elevator constructors, floor coverers, glass workers, heat and frost insulators, iron workers, laborers, office and professional employees, operating engineers, painters, plasterers, plumbers and steamfitters, roofers, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters and teamsters.

(This information furnished by Timothy A. Frew, Executive Secretary, Oregon Building Trades Council.)

Argument in Favor

Oregon Educators Are Voting Yes on Measure 101!

Students need healthcare to succeed!

Oregon educators are voting yes on Measure 101 because kids just can't learn if they're not healthy.

In the classroom, you can see the impact of healthcare for kids. Kids that are sick can't focus and can't learn. Measure 101 ensures healthcare for the most vulnerable Oregonians, particularly Oregon's kids and students.

Anyone that has dealt with a sick kid knows they can't focus, but healthcare is more than just treating children when they're sick, it's about helping kids get healthy and stay healthy. Measure 101 makes sure every child in Oregon has access to healthcare, meaning families are stable and parents don't struggle with the stress of knowing that an unanticipated visit to the emergency room could break them financially.

Health insurance means better school performance for kids.

Healthcare for kids is common sense, but studies show it can make the difference between children being successful in school. According to studies done by Harvard and Cornell universities, insured kids are 9.7 percent less likely to drop out of high school and 5.5 percent more likely to graduate from college.

Measure 101 protects health coverage for all Oregon children.

More than 400,000 Oregon kids count on the money raised by Measure 101 to access the healthcare they need. As educators, we believe that no family should have to choose between rent and healthcare for their children. Every child deserves access to care just like they deserve access to a good school.

The Oregon Education Association is made up of educators working in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public schools and community colleges. We represent licensed teachers and specialists, classified education support professionals, community college faculty, retired educators, and student members. **We hope you'll join us and vote YES on Measure 101, to give all children the healthy start they need in life.**

C. John Larson, President Oregon Education Association

(This information furnished by C. John Larson, President, Oregon Education Association.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 101 for Dummies!

Do you think voting YES repeals the Healthcare Sales Tax?

We thought so too...We thought wrong!

Thanks to pro-tax lawmakers who hijacked the election process, a YES vote means UPHOLD the taxes.

Instead, use your right to citizen VETO and VOTE NO!

The Oregon State Supreme Court ruled this ballot measure title could "confuse" or "mislead" voters.

Well, we won't let that happen!

The only "dummies" are politicians who think voters are too stupid to see through their shenanigans!

So let's review:

- YES means **BIG CORPORATIONS, UNIONS, and INSURANCE COMPANIES** won't pay Healthcare Taxes.
- YES means **TAXING \$25 MILLION DOLLARS on public schools**, robbing money from classrooms, and potentially laying off teachers.
- YES means taxing college health plans and **forcing students deeper into debt.**
- YES means your favorite non-profits will use your charitable contributions to pay for healthcare taxes instead of serving your local community.
- YES means paying more for a latte at your favorite coffee shop while Moda and Providence spend millions to keep their names plastered on the sides of sports arenas.
- YES means you think paying money for new healthcare taxes will somehow make healthcare cheaper.
- **YES means "assessments" really aren't taxes, even though you're being forced to give money to the government against your will.**
- **YES means letting Medicaid Profiteers inject MILLIONS of our Medicaid tax dollars into political campaigns.** Medicaid Profiteer Phil Greenhill says **they'll spend a MILLION dollars to get you to vote YES** on new taxes *(Source: Lundreport.org).*

FACT: 55,000 people were getting Medicaid who weren't eligible. That's almost \$600 million in taxes we didn't need to raise!

FACT: 41,000 more people were improperly coded into Medicaid, even more tax dollars we didn't need to raise.

FACT: There were three options the legislature could've chosen to save/raise enough money to fund Medicaid, but special interests were opposed.

Common Sense 101 says: Vote NO on 101!

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Favor

I support Measure 101 because I have seen the remarkable difference extending health care coverage has made in Oregon. I have worked in clinic and hospital settings over the past 25 years, and have seen the difference having access to health care, including prescription medications, has made in the lives of my patients. Medical problems can be identified and addressed in a proactive fashion, with a renewed focus on preventive care. **We cannot go back to patients waiting for their disease to progress to the point of crisis before being addressed.**

Working in the emergency room at Salem Health, one of the busiest ERs between San Diego and Seattle, I watched for years as patients came in far sicker than they needed to be. In recent years, things have changed. Oregonians who went without care for years or only sought it in the most dire circumstances have gotten used to having access to a primary care provider. They get screenings like pap smears, mammograms, and colonoscopies on schedule. They're able to access preventive services, so we can catch problems before it's too late.

We cannot afford to go back to a time when Oregonians did not have access to preventive care. No one should have to choose between paying their rent or paying for health insurance. Patients can't be one accident or serious illness away from medical bankruptcy.

We can't let thousands of our most vulnerable Oregonians – including children, seniors, and adults with disabilities – slip through the cracks.

Everyone should have access to healthcare that they can afford - and Measure 101 brings us closer to that than ever before.

Vote YES on Measure 101 - for the health and well-being of Oregon.

Dr. Kathleen Harder, MD
Salem, Oregon

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 for Access to Basic Healthcare.)

Argument in Favor

**Oregon Primary Care Association Supports Measure 101
Vote Yes to Protect Health care for Oregon Families**

The Oregon Primary Care Association represents Oregon's 32 non-profit Community Health Centers, **who deliver primary care to hundreds of thousands of Oregon families in rural and underserved communities across the state.**

Every day, primary care providers and staff see the difference that access to health care makes in patients' lives and in our communities.

Voting yes on Measure 101 **ensures that Oregon's most vulnerable – including children, seniors and people with disabilities – don't lose access to the coverage** that enables them to see the health care providers they need, when they need them.

The measure further provides ***much-needed stability in health insurance premiums*** for thousands of patients who buy their own coverage.

Measure 101 impacts our patient's lives. Without the funding in Measure 101:

- We lose valuable protections for the Oregon Health Plan that makes insurance more affordable.
- More than 90,000 of our health center patients could lose their health care coverage.
- The negative results are immediate and costly: without health coverage, patients forgo doctor visits, children fall behind in school and sicker patients utilize the emergency room, driving up the cost of health care.

Please join the Oregon Primary Care Association in supporting Measure 101 to protect health care for patients and families across Oregon.

(This information furnished by Danielle Sobel, Policy Manager, Oregon Primary Care Association.)

Argument in Favor

I'm a firefighter, and I support a YES vote on Measure 101.

As a Portland-area firefighter for more than a decade, I've seen my share of injuries and medical emergencies. When something happens, the last thing a family wants to think about is how to pay for a hospital stay. Tragically, cost is often the first thing that crosses people's minds.

No one should have to refuse a ride in an ambulance when they need it. No one should delay a visit to the doctor for so long that they end up needing a first responder for something that could have been prevented. And yet these things happen all the time.

First responders like me know that Oregon needs Measure 101 because it protects healthcare for hundreds of thousands of people and stabilizes costs for all of us.

My job is easier when more people have healthcare coverage. But I also believe that voting YES is just the right thing to do. Everyone in Oregon should have access to healthcare they can afford.

Vote Yes on Measure 101

Sincerely,
Jesse Peters
Portland-Area Firefighter

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101 to Keep Families Healthy and Out of Emergency Rooms.)

Argument in Favor

Measure 101 holds government accountable

Measure 101 dollars are dedicated to the Health Systems Fund.

All Oregonians want to see our tax dollars spent wisely. Measure 101 ensures that the funds go where Oregonians want them, and nowhere else.

The law behind Measure 101 is written so that the funds raised "shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the Health Systems Fund." That means that they can only be used to pay for healthcare.

- **The law is clear and explicit.** Six separate sections reiterate that money goes to this healthcare dedicated fund.
- **The funds cannot be diverted.** The Health Systems Fund can only spend money on healthcare for Oregonians — that means the money must be spent on healthcare for vulnerable Oregonians or on stabilizing insurance premiums.

- **There are no exceptions.** There is accountability for every dollar. It all goes to healthcare. And it all is subject to audits.

Funding health programs is important, but each dollar needs accountability if we want our tax money to be well spent. Measure 101 provides that accountability.

It is clear in the law. It is clear in the official election materials. Measure 101 dollars are committed by law to fund healthcare.

Steve March, PhD, Certified Internal Auditor

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes on 101, Stabilize Healthcare Costs, and Keep Government Accountable.)

Argument in Favor

Tax Fairness Oregon Supports a “Yes” Vote on Measure 101.

Tax Fairness Oregon supports fair and equitable fiscal policies that serve the common good. TFO’s primary work is to offer carefully researched information to people making decisions. We believe the Legislature’s Oregon Health Care Protections Bill is fair and truly serves a common good. Your “YES” vote will support affordable health care.

Oregon’s unprecedented cooperative relationship with hospitals and healthcare providers has shrunk our uninsured population from 17% to 5%. Both rural and urban citizens have better access to quality care. Emergency rooms are now focused on real emergencies. Folks without employer-sponsored insurance or Medicare have access to the Oregon Health Plan. Our children, seniors, and less-well-off neighbors benefit from our health safety net!

We support the legislative decision that protects health care for hundreds of thousands of Oregonians because:

- Healthier children have better school attendance,
- Healthier employees are more productive employees,
- Hospital emergency rooms can treat emergencies rather than, once again, being the first-resort and most expensive care for the uninsured, and
- Oregonians need a stable Oregon Health Plan that supports access to quality healthcare.

Ballot Measure 101 deserves a “YES” vote. We can’t predict sick children, medical emergencies, or disease outbreaks. Therefore, we should not be jeopardizing the annual physicals or preventative care of Oregonians by rejecting legislation that may protect the Oregon Health Plan from all the healthcare chaos in Washington, DC.

A bipartisan group of legislators, healthcare providers, and consumer groups worked hard to get to a solution and our policymakers need your support to continue their efforts to find long term funding solutions for the Oregon Health Plan.

Tax Fairness Oregon urges a “YES” vote on Ballot Measure 101.

(This information furnished by Edith A Rusch, Tax Fairness Oregon.)

Argument in Favor

OREGON’S SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NEED MEASURE 101

The member organizations of the Campaign for Oregon Seniors & People with Disabilities urge your YES vote on Measure 101.

**AARP Oregon
Disability Rights Oregon
Elders in Action**

**Alzheimer’s Association of Oregon
Oregon Health Care Association
and dozens more...**

Measure 101 protects healthcare access for Oregon’s most vulnerable citizens, including seniors and people with disabilities. No one should be forced into bankruptcy or face serious illness just because they cannot afford care.

For 35,000 Oregon seniors and people with disabilities, OHP is what saves them from a future without the medical care and support they need.

- **Measure 101 is supported by a broad coalition including doctors, nurses, consumers, advocacy groups, businesses, and Republicans and Democrats.** That’s because it will help keep insurance premiums lower and secure life-changing coverage for seniors and people with disabilities.
- **Measure 101 is good for your pocketbook.** It keeps insurance premiums lower across the state, saving Oregonians on average \$300 a year if they buy their own insurance.
- **Measure 101 MUST be used to fund healthcare.** According to Oregon Law, the assessments in Measure 101 go into the State Health Care Fund, which can’t be used for any purpose other than providing healthcare.

A “Yes” vote on Measure 101 would protect healthcare coverage for vulnerable Oregonians and keep insurance premiums lower. A “Yes” vote prevents devastating cuts to seniors, people with disabilities and children.

The Campaign for Oregon’s Seniors and People with Disabilities asks you to vote “Yes” to protect health and long term care for the most vulnerable Oregonians.

VOTE “YES” ON MEASURE 101!

(This information furnished by Kyndall Mason, Campaign for Oregon Seniors & People with Disabilities.)

Argument in Favor

Working people in Oregon deserve affordable and accessible healthcare. That’s why the Oregon AFL-CIO supports Measure 101.

Hard-working Oregonians make our state run, from fighting fires to building affordable housing to ensuring children have a fair shot at a good future. The Oregon AFL-CIO represents a wide array of trades, jobs and careers and we know that every worker deserves access to healthcare - and so do their kids, aging parents, and the family members they care for.

That is why we endorsed a YES vote on Measure 101.

Voting YES on Measure 101 protects healthcare for the most vulnerable Oregonians:

Our children, seniors and adults with disabilities all deserve access to care that helps them thrive and live with dignity. This law guarantees 95% of the people in Oregon, including all children, maintain access to healthcare.

Voting YES on Measure 101 directly impacts workers across the state:

Too many Oregonians are working two or three jobs just to keep up with the rising cost of living. They are finding they cannot afford to pay for health insurance for themselves and their families. Measure 101 stabilizes premiums for workers who buy their own insurance. A Yes vote ensures each of us can afford coverage. Nobody should have to face bankruptcy, eviction, or medical problems because they cannot afford healthcare.

Voting YES on Measure 101 helps all of us:

Measure 101 stabilizes health insurance rates by providing people with lower cost preventive care, instead of forcing people to get their healthcare through emergency services.

Measure 101 is a commonsense solution supported by workers and unions across Oregon. Voting YES means hard-working Oregonians and their families will have access to a nurse or a doctor when they are in need.

Vote yes, and stand with us to help working people and Oregon's most vulnerable maintain access to healthcare.

(This information furnished by Tom Chamberlain, President, Oregon AFL-CIO.)

Argument in Favor**MEASURE 101 PROTECTS ALL OF US**

Any Oregonian can be one diagnosis away from medical bankruptcy. I watched my friend and roommate almost lose everything she had due to medical bills, but luckily she could lean on the Oregon Health Plan to help.

My roommate was born with borderline personality disorder and bipolar disorder. As a result of her disability, she's spent much of her life in and out hospitals. It's been hard for her to work. She's never been able to earn much money, and a lot of what she does earn goes to health-related expenses.

In 2013, she had a stroke. The medical bills were overwhelming. Medicare disability paid for 80 percent, but even the remaining 20 percent came out to thousands of dollars. There was no way we could pay these bills without help. Fortunately, she qualified for the Oregon Health Plan.

After her stroke, she couldn't live on her own. She needed 24-hour support with everything from cooking, cleaning, personal hygiene, medication management and transportation. I became her homecare worker, and thanks to Medicaid and Oregon's homecare program we are getting by okay. Without those programs, she would have to go live in a nursing home. She's only 50 years old. I couldn't bear to see that happen to her.

The state of Oregon has come so far in providing good healthcare for families and children. **Ninety-five percent of Oregonians have good quality health care now.** No one's life should be ruined by medical bills. No one should have to live in poverty just because they have a disability.

I'm voting yes because I know what it's like to have nothing to fall back on. **Without insurance, many Oregonians are one accident or diagnosis away from bankruptcy.**

Voting YES on Measure 101 ensures that when something terrible happens, we all have something to fall back on.

Rebecca S., Medford, OR

(This information furnished by Stacy Cowan, Service Employees International Union, Local 503.)

Argument in Favor**MEASURE 101 PROTECTS CONSUMERS AND STABILIZES INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

OSPIRG works for Oregon consumers through watchdogging insurance companies and pushing back against unjustified premium increases. Our close scrutiny of health insurance rates has helped cut over \$280 million dollars from premiums since 2011.

OSPIRG endorses Measure 101 because:

- it will maintain successful programs that help keep Oregonians healthy and out of the emergency room.
- it will stabilize health insurance premiums.
- it will save consumers who buy their own coverage \$300 a year on average.

Health care still costs more and delivers less than it should. Oregonians have suffered through too many years of huge double-digit rate hikes and health insurers dropping coverage, especially in rural Oregon. Fortunately, **Measure 101 funds a program that stabilizes insurance premiums and keeps costs from rising quicker.**

Thanks to the reinsurance program, premiums for Oregon families and individuals who buy their own coverage are \$300 less than they would be otherwise, according to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. OSPIRG estimates that this program helped cut over \$100 million from premiums for 2018.

Measure 101 also helps ensure that every county in Oregon has at least one health plan option. Earlier this year, before the Measure 101 funding was passed by the legislature, many rural Oregonians were at risk of having no insurance plans available in their county. **Now everyone in Oregon has options for health coverage.**

By preserving funding for the Oregon Health Plan, Measure 101 will also protect hundreds of thousands of Oregonians from the possibility of losing health coverage. This does more than protect the health and economic security of those vulnerable individuals and families — by preserving successful programs to keep people healthy and out of the emergency room, it will **contain costs and improve quality of care for all Oregonians.**

**MEASURE 101 IS A GOOD DEAL FOR OREGON
OSPIRG URGES YES ON MEASURE 101**

(This information furnished by Ethan G Krow, Vote Yes for Healthcare, Yes on 101.)

Argument in Favor**RURAL HOSPITALS SUPPORT MEASURE 101**

Today, 95 percent of Oregonians have healthcare coverage. Friends, families and neighbors in our communities have finally been able to get covered and get healthy — some for the first time in their adult lives.

Oregon's rural uninsured rate fell by 51 percent between 2013 and 2015. We need to build on that success to keep all of us healthy and stabilize costs. **We can't go back to a time when many people received their basic healthcare in the emergency room, driving up costs for everyone.**

People shouldn't have to wait to see a doctor and end up in the hospital without health insurance. Every Oregonian should be able to visit a nurse or doctor when they need it. **By passing Measure 101, we are protecting health coverage for one in four Oregonians, and stabilizing premiums for another 210,000 who buy their own insurance.**

As rural hospitals, we deeply believe keeping people healthy is a responsibility we all share. We hope you'll join us in voting yes for healthcare. Please vote yes on Measure 101.

*Columbia Memorial Hospital, Astoria
Good Shepherd Health Care System, Hermiston
Legacy Silverton Medical Center
Mid-Columbia Medical Center
PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center
PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center
Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital
Providence Newberg Medical Center
Providence Seaside Hospital*

*Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Baker City
Saint Alphonsus Medical Center Ontario
Saint Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital
Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital
St. Charles Madras
St. Charles Prineville
St. Charles Redmond*

(This information furnished by Philip Schmidt, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.)

Argument in Favor

MEASURE 101 PROTECTS OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE

In 2014, my employer, a local hospital, gave me the opportunity of a lifetime: offering to pay for nursing school. There was only one catch. I had to reduce my hours to standby, which meant giving up my health insurance. But, gratefully, I was able to keep my children covered through the Oregon Health Plan while I worked through school.

In May of 2015, my son Joe started to complain about a sore throat and breathing problems. What the doctor told us next forever changed our lives. Joe had a tumor wrapped around his esophagus, reaching for his heart. He was only 17-years-old, still in high school. Immediately, they put him on aggressive cancer treatment. Instead of going to his championship rugby game, my family went to the hospital where Joe was fighting for his life.

Joe's care cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. If it weren't for the Oregon Health Plan, our family would have lost everything. Instead, Joe received the treatment he desperately needed, and our family didn't have to experience severe financial anxiety. Today, Joe's cancer is in remission and he is pursuing a career in dentistry. This was possible because we were covered by the Oregon Health Plan.

My family's story is not unique. There are 400,000 children – many of them with working parents – who get their healthcare through the Oregon Health Plan. Their lives are on the line.

Measure 101 will protect funding for the program that saved my son's life, and my family's financial security. A YES vote means no child in Oregon will be forced to go without healthcare, and no family will be forced into bankruptcy to pay for cancer treatments or other medical bills.

Measure 101 will protect working families like mine and kids like my son, Joe.

Join me in voting YES on Measure 101

Rebecca M., Nursing Student, Salem

(This information furnished by Stacy Cowan, Service Employees International Union, Local 503.)

Argument in Favor

As an intensive care nurse in a rural hospital, I have seen first-hand that increased coverage has made a world of difference in my community. That's why I support Measure 101.

Since Oregon opened Medicaid to everyone who qualified, I have seen improved health outcomes among my patients. At the hospital, I see fewer people suffering from chronic, treatable conditions. I see fewer diabetics whose blood sugar is out of control and becomes life-threatening. I see fewer patients coming in septic from an open wound that's gone untreated, or needing ICU care for chronic congestive heart failure.

All of these positive health outcomes are thanks to the fact that patients now have the ability to manage their diseases in their homes and primary care offices instead of in the expensive emergency department.

Measure 101 allows us to keep moving in the right direction by protecting healthcare for 1 million Oregonians.

In my community, many people work several jobs just to keep food on the table. For low-income families, Measure 101 will protect Oregon Health Plan coverage so they can continue to access care.

As a nurse and community member, I want my patients, neighbors, and friends to have every opportunity to be healthy. I want to see my neighbors live long and healthy lives. I want to see children receive routine check-ups so they can go to school and learn. And I want the ER to serve people with life-threatening emergencies, not common-ailments that have gone untreated. That saves lives and saves money for all of us.

Measure 101 helps protect care for my patients. Please join me in voting Yes.

– Cheryl Cosgrove, RN, MN, CEN, La Grande

(This information furnished by Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association.)

Argument in Opposition

DON'T HIDE A TAX BY CALLING IT SOMETHING ELSE!

Bend Bulletin 9/24/2017

Oregonians may get the chance to repeal a tax on hospitals, health insurers and the state's coordinated care organizations in January, though they'll have to be savvy to recognize that's what is going on. Thanks in part to the handful of lawmakers the 2017 Legislature appointed to write the ballot title for the measure, the word "tax" may be nowhere to be seen.

Transparency is not always the goal of politicians.

Admittedly, the word "tax" doesn't appear in House Bill 2391, the target of the referendum drive that's being led by Reps. Julie Parrish, Sal Esquivel, and Cedric Hayden. That, the Legislature's lawyers say, is what prevents the title on the referendum from including the word.

But just to be clear, an "assessment," as used in the bill, is a tax, pure and simple.

It's compulsory, and it's based on what the insurers and coordinated care organizations collect in premiums and on hospitals' revenue, just like other income taxes. Because of the way the tax is structured, **it includes what is effectively a sales tax on healthcare for some people, but not for others.**

How is that fair?

Democratic *lawmakers have gone to great lengths to bamboozle the public* about the bill. **They've avoided the word "tax."** And, they seized for themselves the task of writing that ballot title, taking it away from the normally less-partisan process.

If all that sounds like politics as usual, remember these words in February 2015, when Gov. John Kitzhaber was forced to resign. Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, D-Portland, told us: "Our actions going forward are focused on rebuilding the public's trust in state government." A short time later, the new governor, Kate Brown, touted her own record of pushing for government transparency.

If this is Oregon's new openness, Oregonians are in trouble.

Whatever the final ballot title will read, it is about a tax.

<http://www.bendbulletin.com/opinion/5614196-151/editorial-dont-hide-a-tax-by-calling-it?referrer=home&referrer=top>

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

We're Voting NO on Measure 101...

...Because politicians are pricing us out of an affordable education!

Tuition at Oregon colleges and universities is already out of control.

Now politicians want to TAX student health plans?

Oregon college students are drowning in debt. We're paying more than ever for tuition, fees, and housing while the Legislature does nothing to bring down costs.

College students attending Oregon's universities are also required to have health insurance. If we're not covered by our parents, we have to buy student plans. Like other health plans, student plans will see skyrocketing increases in 2018 rates. Nearly 12,000 Oregon students are forced to buy these plans.

High college costs are pricing an entire generation out of attaining higher education!

Every state university just increased tuition. Attend the University of Oregon? You got a 6.6% tuition increase.

Southern Oregon University? A 9% tuition increase. That's thousands more in student debt we'll carry for a four-year degree.

Tuition also increased an average of 4% across all of Oregon's 17 community colleges.

And the Oregon Promise of free tuition? So much for that. Lawmakers just went back on their promise after only two years!

On top of all the new costs for students, state lawmakers and Governor Brown decided to tax student health plans!

An **\$81 per year new tax for student health plans*** might not seem like a lot to politicians, but for students, every tuition and fee increase puts us at risk of dropping out because we can't afford the high-cost of higher education. (**OregonLegislature.gov*)

Maybe our politicians need to go back to college...

...because their math doesn't add up!

Taxing college students' health plans while exempting big corporations and insurance companies from the healthcare taxes makes no sense...and it certainly isn't fair.

Don't Tax Our Future!

As college students, we're saying NO to Healthcare Sales Taxes.

We hope you'll join us.

William Edstron

Hassan Eltelbany

Michael Kraan

Robert Collver

Michael Rossberg

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

Middle Class Oregon Families Can't Afford a Healthcare Sales Tax

In most of Oregon, many middle-income families continue to struggle. **Healthcare costs are a driving factor for their burden**, particularly for those who are self-employed, under-employed, or who don't qualify for government-funded health plans.

Not only are insurance plans more expensive in Oregon, in 2018 residents will have fewer choices. Insurance companies like Regence Blue Cross have abandoned our communities, creating insurance monopolies. The cost of remaining plans in Healthcare.gov have increased by double-digits!

It's simply bad public policy to implement a sales tax on a life-and-death service like our healthcare.

Consumers will pay for these new insurance and hospital taxes in three different ways:

FIRST: You'll pay increases for your own health coverage.

SECOND: Most businesses will be forced to raise prices, passing those costs on to you.

THIRD: School districts across Oregon will share a cost burden of \$25 million in healthcare taxes. Local governments will be impacted too. It all means higher taxes for tax payers.

A tax on our small businesses, while exempting Oregon's biggest corporations, is punitive. It could mean the difference in whether they'll continue to provide employees insurance. These taxes will also rob from the operating budgets of many local non-profits doing important charitable community work.

Oregon State students will also be impacted by healthcare taxes.

- Nearly 12,000 student health plans required by Oregon's seven universities saw costs rise this year. That's before the sales tax proposed by the state; sales taxes on faculty plans will likely get passed on in higher tuition costs.

Lawmakers simply didn't think this through.

It is a bad tax plan and bad public policy.

Your NO vote will put the Governor and legislators back at the table to come up with solutions and systemic reforms that won't jeopardize healthcare for thousands of Oregonians, or create burdensome taxes for families and small businesses.

Please Vote NO on 101!

Commissioner Roger Nyquist
Linn County

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

STOP NEW SALES TAXES ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

Vote No on Measure 101.

Oregon state government has a long history of mismanaging "other people's health care dollars," including:

- Wasting \$300 million federal tax dollars building a website, Cover Oregon, that wasn't able to sign up a single person for health insurance.
- Paying \$280 million a year for nearly 55,000 Medicaid recipients recently found to no longer qualify or who failed to respond to an eligibility check.
- Overpaying health care organizations \$74 million over three years to provide expanded Medicaid coverage to some Oregonians. The state initially only asked for \$10 million of those overpayments back, and under political pressure eventually asked for the rest.

As one Oregon economist notes about the taxes in Measure 101:

"The law explicitly allows the new taxes on health insurance providers to be passed on to consumers. With these new taxes, that Silver ACA plan will cost about \$625 more in 2019 than in 2018. It's not just 40-year-olds who will get hit with the insurance tax. Nearly 12,000 college students...will pay the tax. Small group employers...will pay the new tax.

"Taxes on hospitals will raise the costs of care across the board...The cost of these taxes also will be passed on in the form of higher deductibles and premiums. Even if you don't go to the hospital, you will be paying the hospital tax through higher insurance prices."*

The cost of health care is already too expensive for many Oregonians. Don't let the state add even more taxes onto services that are expensive enough already, especially when it has such a poor track record spending the health care tax money it already gets from us.

Say No to these new health care sales taxes.

Vote No on Measure 101.

*source: [Health_Care_Tax_Would_Hurt_Middle_Class](http://Health_Care_Tax_Would_Hurt_Middle_Class_at_CascadePolicy.org/Health-Care)
at: CascadePolicy.org/Health-Care

(This information furnished by Steve Buckstein, Cascade Policy Institute.)

Argument in Opposition

TAXING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FUND MEDICAID IS NOT THE ANSWER!

VOTE NO on 101

State lawmakers and executive leadership came up short funding our public schools. **They refused to fix PERS or control runaway healthcare costs.** As a result, Oregon schools suffered another round of injurious program cuts and funding shortfalls.

So how did lawmakers balance a \$1.5 billion-dollar budget deficit? **By passing a \$25 million-dollar sales tax on health insurance benefits of teachers and public school employees.**

In passing Measures 98 and 99, voters definitively told lawmakers to fund education. Yet lawmakers ignored us – barely mustering half the funding voters expected to be invested in our schools.

Now they want to take \$25 million out of classrooms?

As a school superintendent, I stand in moral opposition to taxes that cost-shift money out of our education system. Many families in my district receive Medicaid, but I know lifting kids out of poverty requires a solid education filled with robust choices. **Taking \$25 million out of our schools in the form of a healthcare tax will hurt low-income kids.**

There were other ways to fund Medicaid, but lawmakers stood with special interests over students. In these times of unprecedented economic prosperity, tax revenues have never been higher. **Yet even record revenues can't keep up with runaway government costs.**

Oregon pays more for public employee healthcare plans than any other Western state. Reforms allowing school districts to buy employee health insurance from Healthcare.Gov would allow us to invest the savings into classrooms, while ensuring public employees and our neediest citizens have access to quality healthcare.

We need lawmakers brave enough to say NO to special interests and be willing to reform administrative inefficiencies that caused \$74 million in wasted Medicaid overpayments.

Failed leadership results in higher costs for taxpayers and \$25 million fewer dollars for Oregon students!

Please say NO to an unconscionable tax on Oregon's future!

Sincerely,
Marc Thielman
Superintendent
Alsea School District 7J

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

Please stand with Oregon's local, community businesses VOTE NO on Measure 101!

My husband and I own and operate a small winery built on a historic dairy farm in Gaston. We are passionate about making hand-crafted wines and maintaining a healthy, viable vineyard. We have lived in the area nearly 20 years and have been very active in the community, chambers of commerce, our church, as well as local community and political organizations. **We have continually seen our taxes go up even while the economy grows.** We have seen small businesses continually get burdened with additional regulations that ultimately result in a fiscal penalty.

Oregon's small businesses and employers are key to the prosperity of our state. Our success largely contributes to the state's overall economic health.

To put it simply: when a tax is increased, it hits a small business harder. When a regulation is expanded, it hurts a small business more. When the legislature debates policy affecting small businesses, we don't have high-paid lobbyists in Salem protecting us.

This year, Governor Kate Brown and the Oregon Legislature passed new taxes on healthcare plans and hospitals. The taxes are effectively "sales taxes" on plans purchased on the Affordable Care Act's Exchange, as well as taxes on hospital services.

Roughly 15,500 small Oregon employers, including non-profits, will get hit with these taxes unless we vote NO!

Like many small business owners, we supported the petition effort to let voters vote on whether to allow healthcare sales taxes that disproportionately impact small business over big corporations.

It's outrageous that large corporations, unions and even insurance companies got CARVED OUT! They're exempt from the harm these taxes will do to our community businesses and non-profits!

Small businesses were key to rejecting Measure 97 (the "sales tax" measure) because they understood the devastating impact it would have on local customers and communities.

Please stand with us and vote NO on Measure 101!

Juanita Lint
Owner, Plum Hill Vineyards

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

OREGONIANS AGAINST MORE HEALTHCARE TAXES

Urges a NO Vote on Measure 101

How could politicians possibly think **SALES TAXES** on healthcare premiums and hospital visits would make our healthcare *more* affordable??

As Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes, I spent last summer talking with Oregonians about rising healthcare costs. The responses were clear:

"I'm paying more for healthcare than I am for my mortgage payment!"

"I can't afford any of the plans offered on the Exchange."

"My rates have gone up double digits every year that I've purchased my plan through the 'Affordable' Care Act."

"As a small business owner, I'd love to continue providing health insurance for my employees, unfortunately it's getting **too expensive** for me to handle."

"I'm retiring but not eligible for Medicare yet. I was looking for a plan to bridge me over to Medicare. The **costs are outrageous.** How can anyone afford this?"

Sound like someone you know?

The most heartbreaking stories came from seniors on fixed incomes who simply cannot afford any cost increases. There's no wiggle room in their household budgets. They're maxed out and hurting because of Salem politicians' reckless tax and spend policies.

If you are one of the 217,000 Oregonians who purchases your own health plan (*regardless of whether you receive a subsidy for that plan or not*), **you will pay this tax unless you vote NO!**

If you have a college student purchasing healthcare through their university or are concerned about rising tuition, **your student will pay more unless you vote NO.**

If you are one of nearly 15,500 small business owners in Oregon with fewer than 50 employees, **you will be hit with this tax unless you vote NO.**

If you're a public school teacher, insurance companies will collect these taxes from your school district unless you vote NO!

Taxing healthcare does not make it more affordable!
Please join us in voting NO on healthcare sales taxes!

Lindsay Berschauer
Director, OAMHT PAC

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

As a Low-Income Dental Practitioner, I URGE you... VOTE NO on Measure 101!

For my entire dental career, I've committed to serving Oregon Health Plan patients. Through my healthcare nonprofit, I provide free dental care at home, and around the globe.

As Vice-Chair of the House Healthcare Committee, I've advocated to expand and protect healthcare access while promoting reforms to save tax dollars.

Our Medicaid system is plagued by mismanagement, putting Oregon at risk of losing federal funding.

After high-profile failures like Cover Oregon and Medicaid overpayments, the Legislature failed to hold the Oregon Health Authority accountable. They chose special-interest campaign donors over Oregon taxpayers.

There's NO RISK 350,000 low-income Oregonians will lose healthcare if you vote NO on 101!

Income tax revenue created by Oregon's \$5 BILLION DOLLAR healthcare industry exceeds the revenue we need to fund Medicaid patients.

The Problem: Oregon lawmakers chose to spend that money on non-healthcare expenditures!

Budgeting for **96,000 people who were improperly coded and income-ineligible** overfunded Medicaid by HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars, taxes that are NOT constitutionally protected from being swept by Governor Brown to pay for the \$25 BILLION DOLLAR PERS liability.

House Bill 3467 was my alternative to fund Medicaid. It didn't require taxing your health insurance or hospital net revenues. It would've forced lawmakers to budget based on factual data from a Medicaid audit, and not over-inflated Medicaid eligibility numbers from the Oregon Health Authority.

We need systemic healthcare reforms that protect everyday Oregonians from rising healthcare costs.

Use your Constitutional right to **VETO a Medicaid funding plan written by the special interests** who stand to profit if these taxes are allowed to go into effect.

Use your NO vote to force Governor Brown and the Legislature to be accountable and transparent.

If Measure 101 is defeated, I'm committed to bringing real solutions that ensure my patients won't lose healthcare.

Please vote NO on 101!

Dr. Cedric Hayden
State Representative, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

**Racist. Bigot. Hateful. White Supremacist.
Extremist. Heartless. Evil.**

Those are words "Our Oregon" used to describe the efforts of 84,367 Oregonians who believed we should have a right to vote on whether we'll allow new sales taxes on health insurance and hospital services.

As a public employee, a nurse, and a union member, I'm embarrassed by Our Oregon's campaign against taxpayers!

Our Oregon is the same public union group that backed Measure 97, a stealth sales tax on Oregon businesses. Voters overwhelming voted against Measure 97, instead, sending a message to politicians that it's time for serious cost reforms.

Not only did Our Oregon say the most despicable things about Oregonians, they even set up a webpage asking people to "report" the activities of petition volunteers. Really? Asking people to spy on their neighbors?

Voters should know the outlandish behavior of Our Oregon and their support for new healthcare taxes doesn't represent the voice of all public union members.

FACT: People in every political party, from every legislative district, signed the petition. Hundreds of teachers, thousands of PERS retirees, police officers, firefighters, state and county workers all joined in to give you a chance to vote!

It is not racist or bigoted to be worried about the high cost of your own healthcare. Taxpayers generously pay top-dollar for public employee health insurance. It's unconscionable that public unions would demand a tax on your healthcare so we can keep ours.

As a nurse, I'm outraged that hundreds of millions of our Medicaid tax dollars were squandered. For-profit Medicaid organizations should be forced to give our money back so it can properly be spent providing healthcare to low-income citizens.

And it's absolutely indefensible that big corporations and insurance companies were exempted from sharing the burden to pay for Medicaid.

Let's fairly fund Medicaid, but not by taxing health insurance for everyday Oregonians.

Reject Our Oregon's hateful rhetoric.

Vote NO on 101!

Benjamin West, RN

(Source: www.stophealthcaretaxes.com/ouregonhatecampaign)

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

**Oregonians should ABSOLUTELY fund Medicaid...
...but NOT by Taxing School Districts**

As a school nurse, I am blessed to be able to help children be healthy, safe and ready to learn. I also work in a profession where **underfunding of student healthcare has created a dangerous situation with large caseloads and in many districts, no school nurse at all.**

Nurses see children with chronic health conditions like diabetes, anaphylaxis, epilepsy and asthma. We see severe mental health issues. We see unmet vision and dental needs. **We have students covered by OHP with difficulty accessing services due to a dearth of community clinics.** We have amazing nurses who provide services in the classroom to children with profound health needs. The health care that kids receive at school is on par with care provided in hospital and rehabilitation centers yet we cannot bill private insurance.

Even with increased budgets, school districts are making cuts.

No one wants increases in classroom size. Districts look to nurses, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and other school health professionals when making cuts. I happen work in an excellent district where we have been investing in addressing needed services, especially mental health services. **Bigger districts in the metro areas may be able to absorb some of these cuts but what about the smaller, more rural areas?**

All Oregon students and their families deserve the best from us.

\$25 million dollars of the new insurance premium tax will be borne by the K-12 public school system! In the school district where my son attends, that's an estimated \$660,000 in taxes this biennium. Where will the cuts be made?

It is with heavy heart that I will be voting NO on 101!

We need broad healthcare reform, and we need it now. I want legislators to go back to the table and find appropriate funding streams to ensure the needs of students are met and that small community hospitals do not shutter.

Kim Bartholomew, RN

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

**What does \$1,067,000 in CAMPAIGN CASH buy?
A New Healthcare Sales Tax and a Rigged Election!**

Wonder how the heck we got a January Special Election???
What about a crazy ballot title no one understands?????

Here's the process in 3 Easy Steps!

FIRST: Pass new taxes benefitting campaign donors while **robbing \$78 Million in healthcare tax dollars*** from *individuals, college students, small businesses, non-profits, and public schools. Just for fun, tax local hospitals too, and exempt big corporations, unions, and insurance companies!* (*House Bill 2391, oregonlegislature.gov)

SECOND: When voters want to vote on this crazy tax scheme, **pass another law to rig the election!** Move the date to January when voter turnout is low. Bill taxpayers \$3.32 million* for kicks! Oh, and **let a partisan committee write the ballot title** and steal judicial authority from the State Supreme Court. **Confuse and mislead voters** by calling it an "assessment" instead of a tax! (KTVZ.com)

THIRD: Accept Medicaid Campaign CASH after the new laws pass, and before the partisan ballot committee meets. Offer to host a private meeting for campaign donors* outside of public view. Then let the partisan Attorney General ignore the courts and make the ballot title even more confusing. (*Referendum 301 Committee comments, oregonlegislature.gov)

Yes, politicians actually did that!

So, which Representatives are beholden to Medicaid Special interests?*

Representative	Contribution	Representative	Contribution
Kotek	\$215,250	Nathanson	\$97,250
Clem	\$76,500	McKeown	\$72,250
Barnhart	\$52,750	Rayfield	\$50,250
Barker	\$48,000	Williamson	\$47,250
Nosse	\$37,500	Keny-Guyer	\$35,250
Witt	\$31,500	Greenlick	\$30,750
Doherty	\$27,750	Lively	\$26,750
Liningier	\$24,500	Gomberg	\$22,750
Fahey	\$20,750	Smith-Warner	\$20,250
Holvey	\$19,750	Boone	\$14,250
Evans	\$12,250	Malstrom	\$9,500
Meek	\$9,000	Sanchez	\$8,500
Piluso	\$8,000	Marsh	\$7,250
Reardon	\$6,750	Hernandez	\$6,000
Gorsek	\$5,750	Helm	\$5,000
Mclain	\$4,000	Sollman	\$4,000
Power	\$3,750	Bynum	\$3,000
Alonso-Leon	\$3,000		

Enough! Take back your healthcare AND defend our democracy!

VOTE NO on 101!

*Campaign Finance Source: www.oregonvotes.gov

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

**TAX CUTS FOR RICH CORPORATIONS
WHILE YOU GET STUCK PAYING THE BILL**

In 2012, Nike threatened to leave Oregon if then-Governor Kitzhaber didn't give it a massive tax break. Kitzhaber agreed, called a special legislative session, and doled out 30-year tax breaks.

Nike now pays the same tax rate as many individual and small business owners.

(http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/12/kitzhaber_signs_30-year_tax_de.html)

Why does a multibillion-dollar global corporate enterprise need tax breaks??

"...Nike is paying 90 percent LESS than its fair-share in taxes."
-Chuck Sheketoff, former executive director of the Oregon Center for Public Policy

(<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/nike-had-25-billion-last-year-still-got-a-tax-break-from-oregon>)

Part of the tax deal was a requirement to create an additional 500 jobs in Oregon.

Instead, in 2017, **Nike LAID OFF nearly 745 Oregon workers.**

(<http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/35932953-75/nike-to-lay-off-490-oregon-workers-by-end-of-september.html.csp>)

So what is Nike doing with all this tax free money? Investing it in Oregon?

Wrong!

The corporate giant has been moving billions in profits to offshore subsidiaries in tax-free countries like Bermuda and the Netherlands!

(<https://www.bizjournals.com/portland/news/2017/11/09/how-nike-built-a-tax-free-paradise-in-bermuda-the.html>)

Nike's offshore profits are in the BILLIONS with **no U.S. tax paid.**

Meanwhile, Oregon taxpayers are left footing the bill for schools, infrastructure and basic services.

Will Nike pay Measure 101's healthcare sales taxes? Of course not!

Individuals and small businesses, non-profits, schools, even our college kids will pay these taxes while large corporations are EXEMPT.

It is unconscionable for this state to protect the uber-wealthy and leave everyday Oregonians stuck paying higher taxes for basic needs.

VOTE NO on 101.

Lindsay Berschauer
Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes because large corporations shouldn't be exempt from funding Medicaid.)

Argument in Opposition

I'm Voting NO on Measure 101...

...Because middle class families like ours can't afford a new health insurance tax!

We want low-income Oregonians to have quality health insurance, but we can barely afford our own!

My husband and I are small business owners. We have a young family. We don't qualify for any federal healthcare subsidies. We just shopped for insurance on the federal Exchange.

And the quote from Healthcare.Gov for our 2018 premiums? Over \$24,000 for the year!

That's almost 30% of our income. It's nearly as much as our mortgage payment. And that's before the new sales tax on insurance and hospitals!

In just four years, we've seen our insurance premiums DOUBLE!

As small business owners, it's on us to save for our retirement. And as parents, we want to save for our kids' college so they have their best shot in life. But with skyrocketing healthcare costs, we're just treading water.

My husband and I don't have a lobbyist. We're not a special interest group with an agenda. We're just two hard-working parents doing the best we can to raise our kids and provide them a better future. We pay business taxes, property taxes, and income taxes. We try to give charitably in our community. We believe in paying our own way.

I'm standing up for 217,000 Oregonians who don't have an employer paying for their health insurance. Asking families like ours to shoulder the burden of paying for Medicaid while **big corporations contribute nothing to help provide healthcare to Oregon's most needy citizens** is outrageous.

It's shameful that Governor Kate Brown and lawmakers who supported these taxes would balance the budget on the backs of Oregon families and small business owners.

It's time politicians stop doing the bidding of wealthy healthcare CEO's who donate to their campaigns.

Fix healthcare now! Represent people, not profits!

Please join our family in voting NO on 101!

Sincerely,
Amanda Stein
Mom, business owner, taxpayer

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

We're Voting NO on Measure 101...

...Because fat-cat special interests are destroying healthcare!

Do you have a lobbyist in Salem? Neither do we!

Healthcare special interests will spend MILLIONS of DOLLARS trying to get you to vote yes to tax health insurance plans and hospital costs for thousands of individual Oregonians, college students, and small businesses. They even taxed local non-profits! **Worse, they knew the insurance tax would rob \$25 million of our education dollars** from Oregon public schools, but they said nothing.

Why? Because **healthcare insiders have been profiteering from Medicaid** for years, on the backs of Oregon's neediest families. **They pocketed HUNDREDS of MILLIONS in Medicaid overpayments** – our tax dollars! Instead of being forced to give the money back, they got Governor Kate Brown and pro-tax lawmakers to pass new taxes onto us.

How are our healthcare dollars really being spent?

- A \$1.2 Million-Dollar annual salary for the Oregon Hospitals Association's executive director (*WWeek.com*).
- \$8,861,264.56 spent on campaign contributions by six Medicaid groups/political action committees (*oregonvotes.org*).
- A \$50 Million-Dollar taxpayer-funded loan to MODA Insurance – you know, the same MODA that spent \$40 million plastering their name on the side of the Rose Garden* (**Oregonian.com*).
- \$66,666/MONTH PERS payout to Oregon Health Sciences University's president – FOR LIFE!!!! (*Oregonian.com*)
- And millions of dollars hiring an army of healthcare lobbyists who get paid to protect financial interests of hospital and insurance CEOs, while ensuring their clients won't pay new healthcare taxes like the rest of us (*oregon.gov/ogec*).

We may not have the money it takes to buy a politician, but we have our right to vote!

We need healthcare reform, not new taxes!

We're saying NO to Healthcare Sales Taxes and we hope you'll join us.

Former State Rep. Jeff Kropf

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| Thomas Harrison | Richard Meyer |

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

Healthcare Sales Taxes on Small Businesses are Unfair when Big Corporations are EXEMPT!

For 60 years, my family has run a small seedling nursery and Christmas tree farm. About 30 years ago, I made the decision that buying health insurance for my employees was just something we were going to do, and we'd find a way to pay for it.

In one year, our small group plan had a 73% cost increase. With the increase our premiums would potentially cost \$50,000 a year to provide health insurance for the seven people on our small group plan.

And we don't qualify for any government subsidies.

We're just plain stuck!

I have to sell a lot of seedlings at .50c each in order to do the right thing by my employees.

Big corporations can negotiate better insurance prices. Small businesses are stuck with very few choices, and ridiculously high costs.

We need transparency into why healthcare costs so much. I can't deliver a load of Christmas trees, and then tell my customers how much I'm charging. Prices I'm paying for healthcare have skyrocketed since the Affordable Care Act went into effect.

Asking my employees to pay a share of their healthcare costs isn't an option. Next year, if this tax goes through and politicians don't fix this so we have better choices and better rates, we'll be letting our customers know that **we have to raise our prices.**

What's really sad is that "little guys" like me have no clout!

Big corporations get all the breaks. They have fancy lobbyists negotiating ways for them to avoid taxes. I'm just yelling into the wind, and it doesn't seem to matter.

I'm voting NO on 101...

...because my small business can't afford to pay more for healthcare!

Daniel Kintigh
Farmer
Springfield

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

I Spend Half My Military Pension to Buy My Daughter's Health Insurance!

I'm an 83-year old native Oregonian. I've always called Oregon my home. I raised my family here and had 58 wonderful years with my wife, many of them spent on the beautiful Oregon coast.

I served in the United States Navy from September, 1952 until September, 1957. I joined the United States Airforce in 1957 and retired in August, 1976. During my military career, I was deployed to both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In all, **I gave 24 years of my life to active duty service** for this country.

As a retired Master Sargent, my military pension is \$1,573.00. The federal government taxes my pension as earned income, so I take home much less in my paycheck.

My daughter Jeanine is 55 years old. There's nothing I wouldn't do for her, or any of my kids. About 20 years ago, she was badly injured. Her neck was broken, and her back was hurt. She suffers constant pain.

She's not poor enough for Medicaid, not old enough for Medicare, or disabled enough to qualify for Social Security with disability healthcare.

So every month, **I spend HALF of my military pension** making sure she has coverage!

It's a hardship, because I don't take home much money, but **I can't let her go without the healthcare** she needs so badly.

Since President Obama's healthcare law passed, I've watched her premiums rise, eating up more and more of my pension.

In 2017, her premiums for Regence were \$758.33 per month, about \$9,100.00 per year.

Now they say we must find another insurance provider **because Regence stopped selling insurance in 15 Oregon counties, including ours.**

With insurance rates going up, and politicians adding on new taxes, pretty soon I won't be able to make her healthcare payments.

For the sake of my daughter's health, I'm voting NO on Measure 101!

Stanley Buck
MSgt. USAF retired
Waldport Resident

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

#NotFakeNews

See what Oregon's Largest Newspapers say about Measure 101!

Independent media outlets have reported disturbing accounts of how hundreds of millions of your tax dollars never reached low-income patients, and how Healthcare Sales Taxes will hurt everyday Oregonians.

The Oregonian...on who's forced to pay **"strangely punitive"** tax increases:

College students, K-12 schools shouldn't bear burden of Medicaid Tax

"It makes considerably less sense, however, that legislators would look to squeeze money out of college students, nonprofit organizations, K-12 school districts and small businesses who have no distinct responsibility for or connection to Medicaid." (6/15/17)

The Bend Bulletin.....on reasons to Vote NO Measure 101:

Medicaid Error is Another Reason to Vote No

"If the agency cannot spend its funds responsibly, voters have additional reason to reject the new taxes that prompted Measure 101. We already know the taxes themselves are bad policy; they apply unevenly and target struggling hospitals and consumers with already climbing premiums. The problems at the OHA add another reason to vote against them." (11/9/17)

The Albany Democrat-Herald...on the latest \$74 Million in overpayments:

Taxpayers Need Real Answers in Medicaid Mess

*"Why didn't (Governor) Brown know about this issue until the middle of October? Why wasn't the issue caught months or years before? **How can taxpayers be sure that these tax dollars will be spent in a proper and prudent fashion?**"* (11/8/17)

The Portland Tribune....on raising the healthcare costs:

Taxes on Healthcare would Hurt Middle Class

"Two of Oregon's largest insurance providers on the ACA exchange have been approved for double-digit premium increases: Kaiser at almost 15 percent and Providence at more than 10 percent. For a 40-year-old with a Silver ACA plan, that amounts to an increased cost of about \$500 a year."
– Eric Fruits, Oregon Economist, Portland State University Professor (9/21/17)

WE TRUST THAT OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT THE TRUTH!

If Oregon newspaper editorial boards are concerned about these new taxes, you should be too!

Vote NO on 101!

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

Hold Kate Brown and the Oregon Health Authority Accountable for Medicaid Mismanagement!

Vote NO on 101!

As a taxpayer and business turn-around specialist, it's incredibly frustrating to watch the colossal waste of our healthcare tax dollars:

- **\$300 MILLION utterly wasted** on Cover Oregon!
- **Hundreds of millions** in wasted overpayments when **55,000 people were found ineligible for Medicaid!**
- Taxpayers holding the bag for **another \$74 million in Medicaid overpayments;**
- A scandalous drama and **costly lawsuit** between the Oregon Health Authority and non-profit Medicaid provider Family Care, and we're footing the legal bill!

These are real tax dollars that could've been spent providing healthcare to Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

But Governor Kate Brown is oblivious! She's spent enormous time attending endless junkets and campaign fundraisers while her agency directors drove our healthcare system into the ground!

Newspapers had to shame her before she demanded Medicaid profiteers give back our tax dollars! Why wait so long? **Because Kate Brown accepted \$115,000* of their campaign contributions** this year! (*oregonvotes.org)

The Oregonian said, **"But someone - the state health authority hasn't said who - made a decision to let the care organizations keep the remaining \$64 million of public dollars, even though the state may still have to reimburse the federal government."** (11/4/17)

Can you believe Kate Brown didn't know this was happening? How is it possible 16 Medicaid care organizations didn't know they were being overpaid MILLIONS? And Kate's big idea to fix this mess? **Pass sales taxes on health insurance premiums and hospital care paid for by everyday Oregonians.**

Reforming our healthcare system will take new leadership that isn't beholden to healthcare lobbyists and special interests. Professionally, fixing dysfunctional organizations is what I do. And I'm beholden to no one.

I'll be your next Governor. Please **join me in voting NO on 101** to protect Oregonians from outrageous sales taxes on basic human needs like healthcare.

**Let's fix healthcare starting NOW,
and get it right for all Oregonians!**

(This information furnished by Sam Carpenter, Friends of Sam Carpenter.)

Argument in Opposition

**Medicaid Funding Should be Equitable,
Fair and a Shared Responsibility**

As a business owner with deep roots in Oregon, I am appalled to see Governor Kate Brown and the Oregon Legislature pass the responsibility of funding the healthcare services of our most vulnerable populations onto individuals who have struggled the most with rising premiums and eye-popping deductibles.

Governor Brown made sure that large corporations like mine who can afford to self-insure won't pay these taxes. She also carved out unions and the insurance companies themselves!

I can't think of anything more offensive than saddling Oregonians with higher taxes on basic needs like healthcare.

I wonder how Governor Brown justifies these taxes to the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who are now paying more for healthcare than they are on rent and mortgage payments.

I wonder **how do the unions, big business groups and Medicaid profiteers sleep at night** knowing they are exempt from harmful taxes but the "guy next door" will pay more.

This isn't the Oregon I grew up in.

I support the **NO on Measure 101** campaign because I believe in two things: **Accountability** and **Equity**.

Oregon's government should be accountable to the very people it claims to protect. Yet we've seen hundreds of millions of healthcare tax dollars wasted at the expense of sick and elderly populations.

Medicaid **profiteers are raking in the cash** while hospitals close and patients are experiencing rising costs and less access to quality care.

We can no longer protect big businesses and unions from funding statewide services! Tax deals, carve-outs and special treatment for corporations have weakened Oregon's middle and lower classes as they pick up more of the tab.

If we truly believe in equity, then EVERYONE should have skin in the game. Taxing a small percentage of Oregonians to pay for the state's Medicaid population is not the answer.

Please join me in voting NO on 101!

Andrew W. Miller
CEO, Stimson Lumber Company

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

The Legislature Got it Wrong: Vote NO on 101

As state representative, I've voted to provide healthcare access to Oregonians who truly need our help. I was the only House Republican YES vote on the Medicaid funding package. I really believed House Bill 2391 taxes were locked down to protect Medicaid.

Afterwards, I learned the truth.

In the week before we adjourned, Democratic lawmakers rammed through two controversial bills. Neither had anything to do with Medicaid. Instead, they forced a social agenda which a majority of Oregonians oppose.

House Bill 3391, the universal abortion bill, forced insurance companies to cover abortion services while taking \$10 million dollars away from General Fund resources. **The bill requires your state tax dollars to buy abortions for women who aren't here legally in the United States.**

On the last day, they pushed another controversial bill to expand the Oregon Health Plan to kids who were brought to America illegally. That's \$55 MILLION state tax dollars the Federal Government won't match!

Then Democratic lawmakers shamefully killed a \$3 million-dollar funding bill for Veterans' dental care!

As a Vietnam Veteran, I was outraged we ignored voters and wouldn't fully fund voter-approved Measure 96 Veterans funding.

We went from having a budget "shortfall" to over-spending \$65 MILLION dollars for two laws Oregonians would never support if they had a vote.

My dad was a Mexican immigrant. I believe people coming to the United States should follow the law to get here. **We shouldn't prioritize our tax dollars for people who don't have the legal right to live here. And we certainly shouldn't prioritize them over our Veterans.**

I joined Measure 101 as a chief petitioner so you could have an opportunity to weigh in on how your tax dollars get spent.

After the shenanigans my colleagues pulled to divert our tax dollars away from citizens, I hope you'll join me in voting NO on 101!

Representative Sal Esquivel
Measure 101 Chief Petitioner

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

**Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges a
NO vote on Measure 101**

REJECT HEALTHCARE SALES TAXES!

When Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejected Measure 97 last year, the Legislature didn't listen to you!

**Instead, politicians passed BILLIONS of
DOLLARS in new taxes and fees.**

Governor Kate Brown and the Legislature passed \$5.3 BILLION dollars in transportation taxes.

These new taxes included:

- A "privilege" tax on new car purchases!
- A 10-cent per gallon gas tax increase - the nation's 5th highest gas tax!

- A new statewide payroll tax which forces Oregonians living in areas with no bus service to fund light-rail in the Metro-area!
- Vehicle registration and title fee increases that rank Oregon 15th highest in the nation!
- They even taxed your bicycles!

If that wasn't bad enough, the Legislature passed \$330 MILLION in new healthcare sales taxes.

A yes vote on Measure 101 will impose a 1.5% tax on all health insurance plans purchased either in the individual, small or large group insurance markets, including plans on Healthcare.gov. Politicians even allowed insurance companies to collect the taxes by increasing your premiums!

A "yes" also imposes a tax on many of our local hospitals; they will be forced to pass the tax increases onto you!

These new healthcare taxes will harm Oregonians who are paying full price to provide coverage for themselves, their families or their employees.

Thankfully, we have the power to stop it!

This session, when politicians wanted to steal your "kicker" tax refund, we successfully worked to stop them. Now you can expect to see an average refund of \$227 when you file your 2017 tax return.

And with a NO vote on this measure, you can protect yourself from harmful new taxes on healthcare.

Send a strong message to Salem:

**TAXING HEALTHCARE DOES NOT
MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE!!!**

Please VOTE NO on Measure 101.

Jason Williams
Director, Taxpayer Association of Oregon
For more information, visit www.OregonWatchdog.com

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC.)

Argument in Opposition

Oregon Hospitals Warn Communities: Brace for Impact!

**TAX INCREASES...CAPPED RATES...
HIRING FREEZES...LAY OFFS...**

Bad laws passed by Oregon's Legislature will have devastating effects on hospitals across the state.

Headlines from across Oregon reveal a dire story of what's really happening:

Mullins: Healthcare Tax Could have "Damaging Effects"

"Larry Mullins, (Corvallis) Samaritan's president and CEO, said tax changes and a capping of state reimbursement for current and retired employees medical care could cost Samaritan as much as \$24 million annually.

Under the new tax plan, the assessment will increase to 6 percent and **the additional seventh-tenths tax increase WILL NOT be reimbursed to the hospitals.**" *(Democrat-Herald, 7/20/17)*

Providence Lays Off 210, Plans Continued Cost-Cutting

"There has been a fundamental shift in our industry in that **we are providing more care to more patients, but are receiving the same amount of revenue and often less** to cover the costs," Providence spokesperson Colleen Waddell said in a written statement. *(Oregonian, 8/23/17)*

St. Charles Announces Layoffs, Pay Cuts

"Joe Sluka (St. Charles CEO) said hospitals like St. Charles are **particularly concerned about a new 0.7 percent tax passed by the Oregon Legislature** to help shore up the finances of the state's Medicaid program, which covers health care for low income patients. That would cost St. Charles about \$3 million next year.

Hospitals are facing additional cuts from a cap on reimbursement rates for state employee and teacher benefit plans." *(Bend Bulletin, 10/17/17)*

Hospitals Decry \$190M in Cuts to Reimbursements under Oregon Senate Bill

"The Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems decried the change, saying it comes on top of an increase in the hospital tax of \$120 million..."

All told, hospitals are facing \$500 million in new taxes and payment cuts over the next several years." *(Portland Business Journal, 7/7/17)*

Vote NO on new hospital taxes!

Don't let politicians and special interests destroy community hospitals.

Vote NO on 101!

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

Argument in Opposition

As a Medicaid Supporter, I'm Voting NO on Measure 101!

People ask: "If you grew up on Medicaid, and voted in the Legislature to expand/fund Medicaid, why would you gather 84,367 signatures to put Measure 101 on the ballot?"

Because **the Legislature passed taxes that hurt people paying full price for their own health insurance**, while **exempting large corporations, unions, and insurance companies** from paying a dime!

I'm asking you to VETO taxes on individuals, small businesses, non-profits, and college students.

Public schools will be forced into paying \$25 million dollars out of education budgets for healthcare taxes.

Why???????

To pay for Oregon's gross mismanagement of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

In addition to \$300 MILLION wasted on Cover Oregon, the Oregon Health Authority has been caught mismanaging our Medicaid budget. The agency made **HUNDREDS of MILLIONS in overpayments to Medicaid profiteers** we'll likely never get back.

I wouldn't put forward this question to voters without alternatives. Two solutions involved reforming public employee healthcare costs. A third solution included tobacco and e-cigarette taxes. Those solutions could've freed up money to fund Medicaid, but all three were blocked by special interests.

Taxing healthcare WILL NOT make it cheaper!

Ask yourself, who benefits from these taxes?

- The law says insurance companies can pass the tax directly to you!
- Hospitals will charge more for their services, driving up your costs.
- Medicaid profiteers reaped the benefit of overpayments while boots-on-the-ground healthcare providers were paid less.

In 2019, tax-addicted lawmakers will propose even higher healthcare taxes to fill an even bigger budget hole.

Your healthcare coverage is shrinking, but costs keep rising.
ENOUGH!

I hope we can agree: Basic human needs like healthcare and food should be exempt from taxation!

Questions before you vote?

Please call me on my personal cell at 503-432-9707.

It's time to stand up and reform healthcare so it's affordable for everyone.

Vote NO on 101!

Representative Julie Parrish
Measure 101 Chief Petitioner

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, State Representative, District 37.)

Argument in Opposition

The National Federation of Independent Business urges you to VOTE NO on Measure 101.

Raising tax revenue for Oregon's Medicaid program by **imposing a 1.5% tax on individual and commercial insurance premiums**, at the expense of those Oregonians, including small businesses, who are already struggling to afford their health care plans is unfair.

Tax increases and rising health care costs are consistently two of the top concerns for Oregon small business owners. Their businesses make up 99% of all Oregon companies, and employ more than half the state's private-sector workforce. Most small businesses want to offer competitive compensation packages to their employees to attract and retain a productive workforce, including health care benefits.

Unless voters reject Measure 101, it will become even harder, and possibly even cost prohibitive, for Oregon's small family businesses to offer affordable health care coverage to their employees!

For those employers who are required by law to offer health care plans to their employees, the taxes imposed under Measure 101 are arguably even more objectionable. These employers are compelled by federal law to offer the benefit, and under Measure 101, the state would be taxing the premiums they are required to pay.

While big businesses might be able to self-insure, local small-to-mid-sized businesses will be stuck paying higher health care premiums. Self-insured plans would not be subject to the 1.5% premium tax, giving yet another competitive advantage to large corporations over our smaller, home-grown, Oregon companies.

A tax on health insurance premiums, at a time when premiums continue to rise unsustainably, cannot improve the affordability of health care for small businesses, their owners, and their employees.

Combined with another provision included in Measure 101 that assesses a 0.7% tax on certain hospitals, it's difficult to imagine a scenario where visits to the doctor wouldn't cost more for the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians negatively impacted by this measure.

Please support Oregon's small businesses and VOTE NO on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Anthony Smith, Oregon State Director, National Federation of Independent Business.)

Argument in Opposition

SMALL BUSINESSES CAN'T COMPETE WHEN BIG CORPORATIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXES

As business owners, my wife and I believe one key to running a successful company is by taking care of our employees first. We're like many of Oregon's small employers; we work hard, pay taxes, and try to make sure the people who work for us have good paying jobs with good benefits.

IT'S MORALLY WRONG TO TAX A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN NEED LIKE HEALTHCARE!

Healthcare is a benefit we all need. Even with health insurance, many of us who are small businesses worry that the high cost of our insurance plans means we may not have enough coverage. Many small business owners grapple with deductibles and co-pays that are too high.

SO WHY ARE OREGON POLITICIANS TAXING SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE?

It is outrageous that our state lawmakers protected big corporations, unions, and insurance companies from new taxes and stuck small employers with the bill!

The Federal Government says it will impose a tax if you don't buy healthcare. Under House Bill 2391, Kate Brown and the Oregon Legislature will tax you if you do!

Except- Oregon's politicians exempted big corporate special interests from healthcare tax liability. They allowed insurance companies to pass the taxes onto us. How is that even fair?

Oregonians should not settle for a law that leaves big corporations with no societal responsibility to help pay for low-income Oregonians who need the Oregon Health Plan!

I contributed to Stop Healthcare Taxes and signed the petition because it's downright shameful that our political leaders would create a healthcare sales tax that disproportionately affects Oregon's smallest employers, driving up our hospital costs while companies with enough money to self-insure can avoid paying any healthcare taxes at all.

If we need to fund Medicaid, it should be a shared obligation, not a tax on Oregon's small employers.

Vote NO on 101!

Brian Maguire
Owner - Net2Vault

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC.)

Argument in Opposition

Oregon State Senators who voted YES on Healthcare Sales Taxes make out like BANDITS!

We keep hearing how a "bipartisan" group of state senators passed a tax package because we needed to fund insurance for our poorest citizens. We keep hearing from these same senators that if you don't say yes to a sales tax on your own health insurance, "350,000 low-income people" will lose their Oregon Health Plan. We keep hearing there was no other way to fund Medicaid, even though there were three alternative plans.

Let's be clear: those same "bipartisan" senators exempted themselves from the taxes they passed onto you!

Your tax dollars provide Oregon state lawmakers a health plan that costs roughly \$17,000 per politician. And every attempt to put lawmakers on the Oregon Health Plan or into Healthcare.gov has been blocked.

Oregon politicians are happy sticking you with outrageous Obamacare plans that cost more money than ever but don't cover much anymore. Heaven forbid politicians are forced to get same the healthcare plans taxpayers get.

You're paying for their Cadillac while your family can only afford a Pinto.

Not only are politicians protecting their own sweetheart healthcare deal, they're busy protecting the profits of campaign financiers who write big checks to their campaigns!

Senators who voted YES on Healthcare Sales Taxes raked in \$1,487,650 from Medicaid profiteers!

State campaign records at oregonvotes.gov show precisely how much of your Medicaid tax dollars wound up in the political action committees of these Oregon Senators.

How much did YOUR tax-and-spend Senator take from special interests?

Senator	Contribution	Senator	Contribution
Devlin	\$293,750	Roblan	\$247,200
Monnes-Anderson	\$196,250	Courtney	\$191,500
Winters	\$159,500	Hass	\$50,200
Gelser	\$48,000	Steiner-Hayward	\$44,750
Burdick	\$41,500	Ferrioli	\$37,250
Dembrow	\$35,250	Beyer	\$25,500
Girod	\$24,750	Johnson	\$21,000
Prozanski	\$13,250	Monroe	\$9,500
Riley	>\$6,000	Manning	\$2,000

These are OUR Medicaid Tax Dollars being spent on politics!

**We need elected officials who will stand with Oregonians...
...not for healthcare special interests.**

VOTE NO on 101!

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

Medicaid Profiteers OWN Governor Kate Brown!

How much **Campaign CASH** does it take to **buy politicians' votes** to raise Healthcare Sales Taxes on ordinary citizens?

Apparently \$2,779,756.40!

That's the combined campaign contributions Governor Kate Brown and lawmakers who voted YES on Healthcare Sales Taxes received from the **TOP SEVEN Medicaid Profiteer PACs and Corporations*** in Oregon.

\$2,779,756.40!!!

That's our Medicaid tax dollars **padding PACs for politicians** instead of delivering healthcare to low-income Oregonians.

Governor Kate Brown told Eugene's *Register Guard* **raising healthcare taxes was her TOP PRIORITY!**

Of course it was!

Medicaid Profiteers have contributed \$225,106.40 to Governor Brown's campaigns! Brown got nearly \$100,000* after she signed House Bill 2391. (*Source: Oregonvotes.org)

Quid Pro Quo? We think so!

Newspapers across Oregon report Governor Brown's failure to properly administer Medicaid.

Under Brown's "leadership" Oregon made **HUNDREDS of MILLIONS in overpayments** to Medicaid Profiteers! Newspapers exposed Oregon Health Authority directors scheming to put an Oregon non-profit Medicaid provider out of business.

On 11/4/17, *The Oregonian* asked about the latest Medicaid overpayment scandal:

"Who made the call to let the (Medicaid) care organizations keep the remaining \$64 million in public money? Robb Cowie (Health Authority spokesman) said someone made a "policy decision" not to seek refunds from the organizations, some of which are significant campaign contributors to Brown and others through PACs."

Instead of clawing back our tax dollars from Medicaid profiteers, Governor Brown decided to let her Medicaid pals keep our money!

Oregon taxpayers are on the hook for MILLIONS in repayments to the federal government.

Brown's solution? A sales tax on healthcare!

Now you know why Governor Brown's "Top Priority" was taxing healthcare for college students, public school teachers, individuals, small businesses, and nonprofits.

She doesn't want you knowing about her Medicaid **Campaign CASH** or how **Medicaid Profiteers scammed Oregon taxpayers!**

We need a better way to fund Medicaid...

...but not on the backs of everyday Oregonians.

Follow the Money – Vote NO on Measure 101!

(This information furnished by Lindsay Berschauer, Director of Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes PAC for citizens who want special interests out of our healthcare system.)

Argument in Opposition

We're Voting NO on Measure 101...

...Because Health Insurance shouldn't cost more than your Rent!

Healthcare prices continue to rise with no end in sight.

- Skyrocketing premium hikes!
- Eye-popping deductibles!
- Less coverage...higher cost!

Families are paying thousands of dollars for insurance premiums, more than their rent or house payment! Even with insurance, an unexpected medical emergency could bankrupt most families.

POLITICIANS DON'T CARE!

They sided with special interests – *big corporations, unions, and healthcare CEOs* – and voted to tax the health insurance and hospital care of everyday families.

Politicians are DOING NOTHING to get healthcare costs under control!

"The average premium for Marketplace medical plan enrollees is 25 percent higher in 2017 than in 2016." - Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

(SOURCE: <http://healthcare.oregon.gov/DocResources/2018-marketplace-assessment-analysis.pdf>)

Wait until you see the **DOUBLE-DIGIT rate INCREASES for 2018** approved by Oregon's insurance division!

And that's before Governor Kate Brown's new healthcare taxes!!!

We all need healthcare, but taxing insurance and hospitals won't make healthcare more affordable!

Enough is enough!

We're saying NO to Healthcare Sales Taxes and we hope you'll join us.

Nicholas Urhausen	Mae Heide
JD Pavak	Teri Grier
Karen Darnell	Scott Waters
Adam Keaton	Dr. Ian King
Mike Nearman	Ron LeBlanc
Stephen Bates	Benjamin Schimmoller
Tanner Lloyd	Al Shannon
Peter Halajian	Ron Glynn
Abigail Thurman	Nancy Trahern
Jared Black	Phillip Henderson
Lela Trope	Richard Beers
Gordon Fiddes	Jeff Jimerson
Carol Williams	Ronnie Daniels
Jeffrey Heyen	Nathan Dahlin
Adam Mayer	Joanne Talbert
Bruce Starr	Wes Butler
Ruth Linfoot	Dru Draper
Michael Ngo	Judith Ahrens
Kevin Moss	Michael McDermott
E Werner Reshke	Becky Mitts

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Argument in Opposition

Skyrocketing Health Insurance Premiums Mean Even Medical Workers Go Without Health Insurance

**Silver Plans on Healthcare.Gov went up as much as 21%...
...BEFORE THE NEW TAXES!**

As a naturopathic doctor, my job is to ensure my patients have the best possible care. Many times, access to naturopathic care and other practices including chiropractic, art and music therapies, and health services that don't involve over-medicating our patients, are outside the financial reach of those who need our care. Many insurance companies, Medicare, and health plans don't allow you the choice of accessing care that's perceived as "non-traditional" medicine. Lack of insurance coverage forces many patients to pay cash for our services.

As a solo-practitioner, I employ two people. **Skyrocketing health insurance prices have put buying healthcare for me, my wife, and my two employees entirely out of reach.** Being a doctor, I can ensure routine primary health needs of our small group are met, but I cannot afford the premiums to pay for a small group health plan.

My wife and I prioritize purchasing coverage for our two children, but their premiums are roughly \$500 a month. And that's before 2018 rate spikes, a 3% tax from the federal ACA, and a 1.5% tax proposed by Oregon state lawmakers.

If the price of health insurance is out of reach for healthcare workers, imagine how many families across Oregon are making the difficult decision to forgo purchasing health insurance?

Budgeting choices of middle class families are tougher than ever as families do more with less.

Profit-taking by middlemen, insurance companies, hospitals CEOs, drug companies, and overpayments in our Medicaid system must end. Taxpayers must demand accountability for how our healthcare dollars are spent.

Everyone gets sick at some point. Everyone needs care. Everyone deserves choices and affordable access to healthcare.

We need REAL healthcare reform that focuses on the well-being of our patients, not a sales tax on health insurance.

Please vote NO on 101!

Rob Dramov, ND

(This information furnished by Julie Parrish, Measure 101 Chief Petitioner to Stop Healthcare Taxes on public schools, college students, small businesses, and everyday Oregonians.)

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Dates to Remember

→ **Tuesday, January 2**

Last day to register to vote for this election

→ **Wednesday, January 3**

First day for counties to mail ballots to voters

→ **Tuesday, January 9**

Last day for counties to mail ballots to voters

→ **Wednesday, January 17**

Last day to safely mail ballot back

→ **Tuesday, January 23**

Election Day, ballots must be received by 8 pm