

Letter to the Albany Democrat-Herald

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The USA spends more per capita on health care than the next ten biggest spenders. So you would think our country would have a superior health care system. We do have great providers -- hospitals, clinics, doctors, with the latest supplies and technology. However, we rank near the bottom of the industrialized world on almost any measure of public health and wellness. Even after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act our healthcare system remains too costly, too complicated and too confusing. Still too many citizens have no health insurance. This includes 300,000 Oregonians. Health care costs are rising faster than our ability to pay. Just ask any of the 8,000 Oregonians who undergo medical bankruptcy every year. This is wrong and unsustainable. Our health care system is broken, but there is hope. Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) has been working for health care equity and affordability since 2012. We advocate for the benefits of universal, publicly funded and privately delivered health care for all Oregonians. Find out more at HCAO.org