

<http://registerguard.com/rg/opinion/35594937-78/health-care-for-all-is-a-human-right.html.csp>

Health care for all is a human right

Letter to the *Register Guard*

by Kathy Filip, Eugene

May 19, 2017

What are our American values? Do we really care about protecting our most vulnerable citizens, children, the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions and the homeless?

All of these are our family members, friends and neighbors. They could easily be ourselves now and in the future. Most Americans are not far from a health crisis. Many have become unemployed, lost their homes and became homeless due to a health event.

Now Trumpcare wants to gut Medicare, Medicaid and Planned Parenthood, which provides care to tens of millions of Americans.

The new policy would also change for people with pre-existing conditions. Their insurance companies would charge them more money for less quality of care. Access to health care is not health care for those who cannot afford it.

Citizens need to stand up and be counted as those in support of single payer Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act, H.R. 676. We need your voices. Health Care for All-Oregon needs your support.

We are a nonprofit coalition of more than 120 organizations in many Oregon cities. The Eugene chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St.

Please join us and let our local and national policy makers hear your voices loud and clear. Remember, health care is a human right.

Don't let the government take this right away from the people they represent.