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## **Single-payer delivers more for less**

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In response to Darrell and Willa Rosin's recent letter ("Single-payer takes away choices," July 15), they are so incorrect that I will point out only a couple of things.

Single-payer as proposed in Oregon and most states and in HB676 is publicly funded, privately delivered health care. The care you seek and get through a licensed provider is between you and your doctor. Your provider is your choice. Not assigned.

"Competition" in health care has not kept costs down. They are skyrocketing beyond the Consumer Price Index. There are no controls on health insurance or medical costs. Pharmaceutical costs are an obvious example of "free" market failure.

We pay twice as much for medical care than any of the other advanced countries in the world. And, we get worse outcomes.

Now is the time to correct this market failure. We need to realize that this is not a political issue, it's a practical issue.

The key question is: "How can we deliver health care to more people, for less money, with better outcomes?"

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