

A Resolution of the Washington County Democrats Central Committee
WCDCC Resolution # 2020-002
Supporting a Bill to Restore \$50 million in Funding for Oregon's Community Health Centers

A. Whereas 6% (approx.. 243,000 Oregonians) were uninsured in 2019. (State of Reform, Sept 27, 2019), and

B. Whereas 51% of Oregonians are under-insured ((Oregon Health Insurance Survey, June 13, 2018), and

C. Whereas the top reasons for being uninsured cited by those not eligible for Oregon health Plan (OHP) coverage include loss of OHP coverage and high premiums for private insurance companies such that those losing OHP coverage are among the many uninsured who do not qualify for OHP but cannot afford private insurance (Oregon Health Insurance Survey 2017), and

D Whereas positive links between health insurance coverage and access to health care, better health, and lower mortality rates have been cited by various studies (Oregon Health Authority, Sept 8, 2018), and

E. Whereas over 430,000 (most of whom are uninsured or under-insured) Oregonians receive their primary care at a Community Health Center at Oregon's 32 community health centers (Oregon Primary Care Association), and

F. Whereas funding for Community Health Centers was not increased by the state legislature during the last session, and the \$50 million increase is needed to restore essential funding due to inflation and rising costs of operation.

Therefore, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolves as follows:

1. To support HB ____ [Note Bill numbers will be assigned 1/13/2020] which will restore \$50 million for Oregon's Community Health Centers, and to urge all of our elected state legislators to support this legislation.
2. To forward a copy of this resolution to all state legislators who represent Washington County.

Submitted by Lisa Stiller; Passed by R&PC 7 January 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation.