



KIDS AND FAMILIES CAN'T WAIT:  
NOW IS THE TIME FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM

**VOTE YES ON HB 2116**

"It's either buy food or take your medicine. It's a real hard choice,  
but you have to take the medicine. I do."

Oregon Food Bank Voices Project Participant, Gaston, OR

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Hunger is intimately connected with adequate and affordable health care. Oregon Food Bank's most recent Hunger Factors Survey revealed that 41% of adults and 24% of children in surveyed households had no health insurance, 56% reported medical/hospital debts, and 58% of households had delayed medical care (up from 53% in 2006 and 47% in 2002).

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The Problem

- Today, more than 600,000 Oregonians lack health insurance, about one in every six people in our state.
- More than 116,000 are kids.
- More than half are working adults.
- Lack of health insurance can lead to long-term health problems and economic instability for families.
- Many people without health insurance are forced to choose between going to the doctor or buying medicine and putting food on the table for their families.

The Solution

Oregon Food Bank supports the following health care expansions to children and low-income adults:

- Expand health care coverage to about 80,000 uninsured children.
- Expand the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) to include about 100,000 new low-income adult enrollees.

Too many Oregonians don't have access to quality, affordable health care. Now is the right time to create healthy communities by expanding access to cover all children and more low-income adults. For every dollar that Oregon invests in health care, we receive more than \$2 in federal reimbursements. Implementation of proposed taxes will bring Oregon more than \$1 billion of federal funds that are currently being left on the table.

HB 2116 is the right thing for the economy and it's the right thing for Oregon families. Vote Yes on HB 2116.