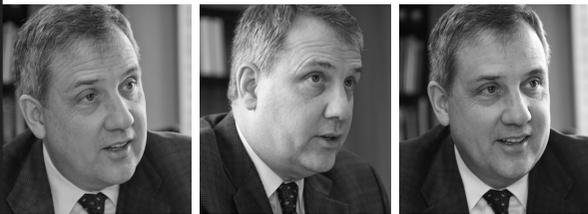


## FIXING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: A great first step.

By passing federal health care reform, our nation has taken an important first step toward creating a better health care future for all Americans. While this historic

We'll need a comprehensive plan to invest in Oregon's health care workforce in order to achieve the right balance of providers, distributed across the state.



legislation was not perfect, it represents significant progress, including greatly expanded coverage, essential health insurance reforms,

And over the long term, we must fundamentally reconsider how we think about health. Good health is the result of many interrelated factors such as genetics, diet, access to education, socio-economic status and environmental conditions. Health comes from much more than health care.

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help for small businesses so they can provide insurance for their employees, and better financial support for primary care and disease prevention.

With the national momentum, now is the time to build on Oregon's history of innovation and partnership in health care to move us ever closer to an ideal health care system. Working together and keeping our purpose clear, that goal is within reach.

Still, there are many more steps to take before we arrive at the destination we all desire: a highly efficient health care system of the highest quality possible and accessible to all. It's a journey that will require years of diligent, creative attention from every one of us.

There are immediate concerns that must be addressed. For example, with expanded access, the need for health care professionals will be greater than ever.

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