

## An Independent Voice for Southwestern Oregon



Hello, I'm Dr. Charlie Hochberg. I am running to be your next State Representative, and I am asking for your vote on November 2. I live in Pistol River with my wife Ginny, and I have five daughters and four grandsons. I am a practicing Physician. I am also a clinical associate professor at Oregon Health Sciences University, where I teach rural health care. Last year I was named teacher of the year by a division of OHSU. I am also an avid fisherman, a baseball fan, and a master gardener, and I have received blue ribbons for my jams and chutneys.

### Health insurance costs are too high.

I took an oath when I became a doctor to treat all patients regardless of their financial status. More and more often, hard-working Oregonians are unable to pay for even the most basic health care. This costs us all.

By providing funding for basic, preventative care we will reduce the need for costly hospital visits. We will also relieve the strain placed on our emergency rooms when people without anywhere else to turn pack hospital waiting rooms with colds and other non-emergency ailments.

We should also prioritize how Oregon Health Plan money is spent, so that whenever funds are low, Oregonians with the most urgent needs are treated first. When health dollars are stretched thin, there must be a system in place so that a father's heart surgery or a sister's mammogram takes precedence over someone's Botox injection.

We are being forgotten by Salem. As long as insurance premiums remain as high as they are, we will never be able to attract and sustain the small businesses we need to keep our economy thriving. As a legislator, I will demand that the people of Southwestern Oregon are treated fairly and I will see to it that our economic environment remains competitive.

### Our children deserve adequately funded schools.

As a father and grandfather, I believe it is a crime that some would prevent our children from having a full education. We must restore and protect the state's investment in education, and we can do so without raising your personal taxes. If elected, I would push for a redistribution of the tax burden so that large corporations pay their fair share and more funds are available for schools.

Quality education does not simply mean sending our kids to school every day and preparing them to pass tests. It means preparing them to enter the real world. If elected, I will invest in junior colleges and lower tuition. I will also call for funding for vocational training in our high schools, so that kids who want to learn a trade have the opportunity to do so. Without skilled, well-trained workers we can never attract new business investment. The skills necessary for these quality vocations can only be provided by other well-trained people. In return, we should thank those individuals who teach their skills and lay the ground-work for our economic future by offering them tax credits and other incentives.

### We must attract quality jobs.

We must have a livable, friendly environment in which to do business. Small-businesses are being crushed by the cost of providing health-care. We should invest in our communications infrastructure so we can attract new, clean industry. Better health care and better education mean better jobs and a better economy. We must protect our commercial fisheries and look for sustainable forestry work such as thinning and reforestation. We should use sound science to maintain a balance between our economy and the natural world so that we protect both for generations to come.

### I will be accessible to you.

As a state representative, I will be your voice in the state house. The winner of this election will represent the entire district, and he must have time for and be open to every constituent. As your representative, I will be accessible to you. I will answer telephone calls and emails. Each month, when the legislature is not in session, I will hold a public forum in one community in this district and rotate every month so that everyone I represent, from the beaches of Brookings-Harbor, to the Coquille Valley, to the forests surrounding Winston will have a chance to make their voices heard.

*Please vote for me, and I will work to make your community stronger, healthier, and smarter.*

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