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I find it very hard to believe Kronick's analysis that there is only a 0.5% difference in the cost to the budget between now and a single payer system when 30% of our current costs could be recouped by eliminating the intermediary.

It is important for the commission to understand that the ONLY way to achieve universal coverage at an affordable price is single payer. Our broken system needs to both control costs and expand coverage. If you just reduce payments to control costs, that doesn't expand coverage. If you expand coverage without reducing costs, that is unsustainably expensive. The single payer system uses the money from administrative savings to pay for expanded care and so achieves both cost control and universal coverage.