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What should Congress's top priority be?

Please rank your top preference #1 through 5:

- Curbing the high cost of health care and making health insurance more affordable
- Strengthening Oregon's economy by cutting taxes
- Protecting the United States from terrorist attacks
- Improving schools and universities
- Lowering the cost of gasoline and household energy

To grow Oregon's economy, Congress should: (Choose two)

- Lower all individual tax rates
- Break down trade barriers so the United States has more markets in which to sell our products
- Promote new industries in Oregon like nanotechnology
- Provide funding for transportation projects like new light rail lines or improved highways

There are several proposals before Congress to lower the cost of health care.

Please rank your preferences #1 through 4:

- Allow families to save more money in tax-free savings accounts such as Medical Savings Accounts.
- Expand Medicaid coverage for children, pregnant women, and low-income workers
- Reform medical liability laws so doctors can lower what they charge their patients
- Place caps on what hospitals and doctors can charge

Medical Research plays an important role in advancing health care.

Which federal action do you agree with?

- Using tax dollars to fund stem cell research on incurable diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's
- The government shouldn't spend money on drug research; big pharmaceutical companies should pay for their own research
- Increasing federal funding for the National Institutes of Health and National Institutes of Science to explore new cures for all diseases.

Over 600,000 people in Oregon went without health insurance in 2004. What is the best way to provide coverage to uninsured Oregonians? (Choose one)

- The federal government should provide universal health coverage to all Americans
- Employers should be given a tax break if they provide their employees with affordable health insurance
- Increase catastrophic coverage to help patients pay for expensive surgeries and hefty medical bills

\$3 per gallon of gas is too expensive. What is the best way to lessen America's dependence on foreign oil?

Please rank your top preference #1 through 5:

- Promote the production of alternative fuel vehicles by giving manufacturers a tax break for building environmentally efficient automobiles
- Increase domestic oil drilling, exploration, and refinery capacity
- Charge gas stations a tough \$11,000 fine for every instance of price gouging

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Please Share Your Thoughts with Me



Senator Gordon H. Smith

As I travel around our beautiful state, people often share with me their hopes and concerns. I find there is no substitute for hearing, in their own words, the thoughts of the Oregonians I serve in the United States Senate.

I share the widespread concerns about the rising cost of health care, and I have introduced legislation that would help insure more of our citizens. Energy prices are soaring and pressuring family budgets, and I have long pushed for advances in alternative fuels. And I know that Oregonians want a strong economy and good jobs, so I have always pursued tax relief that benefits working families.

These are just a few of the initiatives on which I have been active this year. Now I would like to hear what you think about the challenges facing Oregon and the nation. Please share with me your thoughts about the direction we should be going and the priorities we should focus on. This survey will only take a few minutes of your time, but I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. H. Smith".

- Increase the average number of miles a car has to travel on a gallon of gas
 - Charge a fee if you want to buy a Truck or SUV
- What is your top priority for natural resource policy? (Choose one)**
- Expand wilderness area designations across Oregon
 - Promote the use of environmentally friendly fuel cells or solar panels to power your homes, businesses, vehicles
 - Return family wage jobs to the forest while preserving Oregon's natural beauty for future generations
 - Impose stricter environmental restrictions on corporations

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