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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB408

Dear Senators,

It is imperative that you vote NO on SB 408. There is nothing more sacred than the practitioner- patient relationship. If health practitioners are no longer able to treat the individual because OHA has determined how each case should be treated, you will destroy that trust and the relationship.

The changes of scope (limitations and requirements) could easily include disallowing the recommendations of all types of holistic medical care such as herbal remedies, lifestyle changes, homeopathic remedies, off-label medications, bodywork, etc., etc.

- Practitioners could be required to do certain things to maintain their licenses, such as perform certain medical procedures for everyone or prescribe only “approved” care.

This curtails a practitioner’s professional best judgement based on thorough reviews of scientific literature and each patient’s unique health and history.

- This attempt to censor and circumvent medical care is a step towards one-size fits-all, standardized medical care. It could eliminate our ability to make informed choices about medical care for ourselves and our children.

- Pharmaceutical companies could grow stronger, as holistic and natural remedies could easily become “forbidden” due to an OHA recommendation.

Oregonians are some of the most health minded people in the world. If you continue to limit their access to the health care that they desire, we will surely suffer even more population loss due to people choosing to live in other states.

Please vote NO on SB 408.