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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB4130

Chair Nosse and members of the Committee;

I write in strong support of HB 4130.

It has become clear that corporations are increasingly feeding at the trough of healthcare dollars at the expense of patient care. Private equity and national corporations are beholden to their investors and shareholders, not the health of the aged, infirmed, or general population. What kind of a health care system allows real estate investment trusts to control decisions that impact people's health?

Rep. Bowman's bill does not make wholesale changes to how health care is delivered or payed for, it merely closes loopholes that currently allow those not medically trained to take part in healthcare decisions for patients. It also protects a doctor's freedom to speak out and practice where they want. And lastly, it shines a light on what can be the very opaque business of finding out who actually owns a medical practice.

I am tired of being treated as a commodity and as a vehicle for corporate profit. Both the Oregon Constitution and OHA have stated goals of healthcare affordability, equity, and access; corporate practice of medicine threatens all of these goals. Please support this modest measure so that we can help retain local control of our Oregon healthcare providers and work towards our common goal of a healthier Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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