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I strongly support HB 4130. I have worked as a Nurse Practitioner for 39 years in the state of California and in the state of Oregon for the last 12 years. I love primary care where I can see my patients across time and really get acquainted with their medical issues. My job is to listen carefully to their needs and make sure there are services in our community where they can go when needed. These services need to be affordable and convenient. Over the time I have spent providing patient care I have witnessed huge changes in health care as local clinics are acquired by bigger organizations. I have seen hospitals stop providing maternal and pediatric care due to cost, evening clinics shut down forcing people into emergency rooms because this model did not prove lucrative, There was never a survey collected on patient needs or provider perspective but changes were made at the prerogative of business interests. Medical care is more expensive with poorer outcomes in our country because we prioritize profit over patients. This is wrong. We need to be the state that puts patients first and keeps medical practices under the jurisdiction of medical providers. Please support HB 4130 and keep Oregon patient centered.