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Respectfully,

The profession of medicine had been extorted to it's absolute breaking point. The fact that over 50% of Oncologists, cancer doctors, like me, report that they are burnt out and no longer satisfied with their job, is a direct result of corporate control and influence. How could any ethical, moral, persons oppose a bill that simply aims to maintain physician autonomy and prevent this blatant exploitation that is leading to record physician shortages and terrible medical care?

I particularly want to dispute the false claims and lies that US Oncology is spreading. They are an incredibly aggressive, nation wide, management agency that has preyed upon private practices across our country. They are so scared of how this bill will affect their insane profits (They harvest money off the backs of physicians and sick patients, without helping a single patient). They are even getting their doctors to make any number of dramatic, fear mongering statements. Now they're claiming this bill will mean that large parts of Oregon will go without cancer care. The fact that they are completely freaking out should tell you just how much money is at stake for them. Why would it be a threat to them if the cancer doctors had majority ownership in their own offices? They would still be able to charge the doctors for the administrative management services. There is nothing in this bill that actually prevents that, it just says they can't own the majority of the practice. Why wouldn't we want the doctors, the only ones who took an oath to their patients and are responsible for the life of those patients, to have the majority say in how the offices providing that care are run and financed?

This countries healthcare system is on the brink of absolute disaster. If we don't break the sick, golden handcuffs, so many physicians are enslaved with, we will all be receiving care from corporations that have no interest in our lives, and only see the money they can squeeze from us. That will not help the people of Oregon or save lives. Corporations are responsible for earning maximum money, not caring for your mom. They should not be making the medical decisions, whether it is outright, of through the use of fancy, financial shackles and puppet strings on the physicians trying to care for you and your family.

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