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As a physician who has previously lived and worked in Oregon for nearly a decade, as one who still has an Oregon medical license, as someone who has numerous friends and family living in the state - I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 4130.

Private equity is BAD for medicine and BAD for Oregonians.

HB 4130 closes loopholes in Oregon's CPOM doctrine, blocking corporations or private equity investors from owning or indirectly controlling medical practices and the decisions of physicians and other healthcare practitioners. HB 4130 also limits corporate owners from enforcing non-compete/non-disclosure agreements and non-disparagement clauses for specific practitioners. These are increasingly common practices that leave doctors handcuffed and unable to speak out about harmful conditions or start their own independent practice. These practices have already forced some doctors - such as myself - to move out of Oregon.

The corporatization of healthcare is well underway and without moving this bill forward, you will be deciding by not deciding. We know that local physicians are better suited to control the practice of medicine than out-of-state equity investors.

This bill is urgently needed to protect patients, physicians, and all Oregonians.

I strongly support HB4130 and urge you to do the same.