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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: HB4130

Good day. My name is Christopher Garofalo and I am a Family Medicine physician who is owner of an independant physician practice in southeast Massachusetts. I am writing to ask you to support this bill. It is an important first step in removing control of patient care and giving control back to the physicians who provide the direct care to patients, and we will all be patients at some point! PE, VC and other corporations have 1 goal-to take as much money from a business. That is it. They do not have any desire to care for patients. They do not take an oath to care for patients. Although PE, VC and other corporations will tell you that a physician owns the group and is thus in charge, this physician is a figure-head only. You only have to look to the current predicament of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is dealing with the teetering of Steward Health Care, a PE run group who has 9 hospitals in MA and they are about to go under. The "physician owner", meanwhile remains well protected on 1 of his 2 yachts or 2 other private planes. The goals of any and all PE or any other corporation involved in any aspect of direct patient care is at direct odds and antithetical to the goals of patients, your constituents, and the greater community. Thank you for your time and consideration.