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

Dear senators:

I strongly encourage the support of House Bill 4130. I am a physician and I have been in practice for almost 30 years. I hold a medical license in 5 different states because I am an independent contractor that covers positions in places where there is a need of an anesthesiologist.

I have witnessed the increasingly detrimental changes that have occurred with corporations (private equity groups, MSO's, "friendly physician" management groups) who try to maximize the profits at the cost of cutting corners. Constant unachievable benchmarks are placed on the healthcare professionals. These become microaggressions that end up in burnout and cause perfectly capable professionals to leave. Even more damaging is the fact that many who stand up to oppose, are retaliated against. Many of these corporations fail and abandon the place that used to have a much more stable number of dedicated professionals who cared for the sick, leaving behind entities with bigger debts and more problems than before.

I decided long ago to have a different type of practice due to these reasons. The oath that I took as a physician to care for my patients keeps being under attack and more frequently than ever. But at least I can choose where I want to be and for how long. Not all my peers have the chance to do same though.

This bill supports an environment where physicians can independently care of patients with their best interest in mind and where there is no interference of corporative profit-based decisions that would demand a different path. This does not mean that as professionals we do not care for the corporations. I take pride on being as efficient as I can under the circumstances. But the interest of my patient will always be first for as long as I can help it.

As a personal note, I was offered some work in Oregon last summer, which I declined. I have become experienced enough to look for the information that would affect me before I take on a new job, which is not an easy task. I believe the job I was offered was at a hospital that suffered due to the reasons explained above. Hopefully I will come across some other jobs without these issues to be able to get to know your state. The probabilities will increase if this bill passes. Please support House Bill 4130.