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I support this measure. I am a physician (anesthesiologist) who is a shareholder in Bend Anesthesiology Group. We have fought hard to remain independent in anesthesia and everyday there are less privately owned anesthesia groups and more private equity groups. This is part of the massive anesthesia shortage that is occurring both across the country and in Oregon. The hospital issues with lack of anesthesia coverage continues with the false promises from these private equity firms that have replaced private physician groups in Portland and Kalmath Falls, as examples. These companies promise physician/advance providers to hospitals, at the expense of the private physician groups that are already working in the community. It is for profit only and now both Portland and Klamath Falls suffer from lack of reliable physicians who are invested in the community.