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Hello,

I'm writing to submit my strong support for HB 2792. Oregonians deserve to know how their money is spent—especially if it's being misspent. Health systems as huge as those that exist throughout Oregon often feel, at least as it seems to this community member, as though they can act with impunity, even if it threatens the health and well-being of their employees and patients.

Our hospitals and health systems are community resources which rely on our tax dollars and tax exemptions. As our health systems expand and Oregonians' healthcare becomes more expensive, our community needs more information to perform our oversight responsibilities and ensure the benefits today's healthcare systems provide outweigh the bills they charge.

Transparency is a key part of accountability. Big hospitals should not be able to claim that they can't afford fair contracts for their caregivers and employees, and then turn around and spend untold amounts of money on replacements when their employees strike.

I encourage you to support HB 2792. Public accountability for our health systems is crucial.

Thank you.
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