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I am in support of SB 951. I have worked in primary care as a Nurse Practitioner for the last 40 years. Patients want and flourish from an ongoing relationship with a provider of choice over time for their health care. I know this model of care is satisfying and cost effective. This can only happen with clinic stability. Primary Care is in crisis in Oregon and across this country for the very reason that for-profit corporations are moving patient care dollars away from patients and into shareholder and CEO pockets. Many primary care providers are leaving medicine because constant trimming of services is creating a work environment that is causing moral injury and burnout. Patients are waiting months to get a provider in Oregon. We have to continue to safeguard medical practice by limiting the power of corporate investors to run clinics; influence staffing levels, limit appointment time with patients and increase cost of care. This bill will strengthen current CPOM laws. We have placed health care as a human right in our constitution. Guard rails are needed if we are going to be able to provide high quality, accessible and affordable care for all Oregonians.