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Hon. Deb_Patterson Hon. Cedric Hayden Senate Committee on Health Care Oregon State Legislature

Re: SB 951-5

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden and committee members:

I write on behalf of Radia Inc., P.S., to express Radia's support for SB 951 with the -5 amendment. Radia is registered as a foreign professional corporation in Oregon and, with the blessing of the OHA's HCMO program, our Oregon-licensed physicians have been delivering care to Oregon patients through Radia's subsidiary, Radia Oregon Radiology Medical Group LLC ("RORMG") in the Medford area, since September 1, 2024.

Radia is a 100% physician-owned and physician-governed medical practice and management services enterprise. Neither private equity firms, nor any other "lay" corporation has any involvement in Radia's ownership structure, governance, operations, or affiliations. We appreciate the legitimate concerns regarding physician autonomy and mobility and patient access to care that motivate today's legislative conversation. We also are keenly aware of the importance of operational and administrative economies of scale in managing physician practices, and of the need for reasonable use of noncompetition clauses to support stable staffing arrangements, particularly in communities and specialties facing health professional shortages.

Last session, we appeared in opposition to HB 4130. That proposal would have changed Oregon's corporate practice of medicine laws to cause many challenges for our business model, including prohibiting common business arrangements used widely by entirely physician-owned organizations to (1) comply with federal regulatory requirements, while (2) allowing for both local governance and for centralized administrative and business services. Although we raised significant concerns with last year's proposal, we were proud to engage with Representative Bowman's office as part of a wide variety of stakeholders in a months' long process to develop the proposal before you today.

SB 951, as amended by the proposed -5 amendments, addresses the concerns that we raised last session. It reflects the sincerity, care, and energy that Leader Bowman and his capable staff have brought to discussing this policy over these last 12-plus months. The -5 amendments allow Oregon physicians affiliating with larger physician-only practices to have local control over compensation models and staffing, and also to participate in the governance of a larger practice providing management services. These proposed amendments also strike an appropriate balance between temporarily restricting physician mobility, and protecting practices' significant investments in attracting physicians to work outside of

urban centers. These changes significantly improve the bill, including by facilitating recruitment and retention of radiologists in rural health professional shortage areas.

We applaud the dedication and diligence of Leader Bowman's office in advancing this work, which has made it possible for us to testify today in support of SB 951 as amended by the -5 amendments. We urge the committee to adopt the -5 amendment and thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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