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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1000

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1000.

I live and work in Oregon and pay Oregon taxes. I have attended Bay Area Hospital Board Meetings for a couple of years now and I have watched the travesty of their affiliation with Quorum Health unfold, despite public opposition. At first I thought I would support SB1000, but at the last BAH Board meeting, if the deal goes through, it sounded like the board expected Quorum to take over managing the hospital before July 1st.

I understand that the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay needs financial help. But SB1000 will only end up subsidizing an unpopular sale/lease plan. Why should Oregon taxpayers be on the hook for propping up a hospital that will be sold and leased to Quorum Health by the time the bill takes effect?

Instead, please consider the Shared Responsibility Plan being promoted by UFCW. That plan allows voters to have a say in our own locally-owned healthcare system. I would only support SB1000 if it subsidized this Shared Responsibility Plan. But it does not look like there is a guarantee that it would do so. So, I am opposed to SB1000 as it is currently written and I ask that you vote no on it.

Thank you,
Tracy