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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello

My name is Garrett Fleenor, and I am the First Vice Chair of the Washington County Democratic Party. I'm writing today to oppose selling off public services, and especially publicly funded Healthcare institutions like the Bay Area Hospital, to private equity. I especially oppose helping to facilitate this sale with public funds, as SB1000 would do.

Private Equity is a scourge on our society, and private equity firms do not have the best interest of the people in their hearts. Their only goal is acquiring profit by any means necessary, including shutting down critical area hospitals, depriving people of necessary healthcare, and selling off the parts of what they acquire. SB1000 allows Quorum Health, who has acquired and shut down dozens of hospitals, to immediately get to profit in their purchase of BAH. This is clearly privatizing profits and socializing losses, funding more yachts for private equity partners than serving the people who need BAH. Selling off our public healthcare infrastructure to out of state investors is bad enough, but asking Oregon taxpayers to subsidize the transaction is just madness.

SB1000 needs requirements that prevent the sale of BAH to Quorum Health, not help grease the wheels. Keep our publicly funded health care infrastructure in public hands. I oppose this bill in it's current form.

Thank you.