

Submitter: Kari Padgett
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1000
SUBJECT: VOTE NO on SENATE BILL 1000

MESSAGE: Dear Lawmakers:

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. Oregon taxpayers should NOT 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.

There is an alternative Shared Responsibility Plan being pushed by UFCW Local 555 that would help keep the hospital public. The plan polls at 56% support in the region, and asks for a small, temporary local contribution that is matched by the State. That allows voters to have a say in our own healthcare system.

Thank you,

From: Kari
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