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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1000

I have been a resident of Coos County since 1978. I am ABSOLUTELY opposed to Senate Bill 1000. It is a bill to award Quorum Health, a private equity firm, a substantial sum in their lease of Bay Area Hospital. There is no argument that BAH desperately needs the funds, but they must NOT go to Quorum, who is positioned to take our hospital, eviscerate it and then abandon it. There are solutions besides aligning with a private equity firm. Unfortunately, our incompetent board and CEO have utterly failed to do the creative work necessary to find an alternate solution. Once Quorum takes over management, we will be strapped to an outfit that seeks only profit. BAH is not only our hospital, it is our LARGEST EMPLOYER. Our population is heavily weighted toward Medicare and Medicaid recipients. We will be left high and dry, and PAYING Quorum for our own demise! NO! NO! NO!