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Dear Chair Representative Rob Nosse,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 951, by ensuring that physicians retain ultimate authority over decisions which impact patient care. This is what I want for my physician and clinicians who oversee my health and wellbeing.

SB 951 will prohibit some corporations from exercising control over clinical decisions that should be only decided licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other authorized clinicians for their respective patients. Persons trained as electricians, plumbers, accountants, computer technicians, as a few examples make final decisions within their expertise without interference from outside organizations. Why should there be no difference in the case of medical physicians who retain final authority over any decisions that affect patient care. Hands off to outside corporate influences, and governmental agencies who do not have the expertise nor are charged with a medical and health mission.

SB 951 does a whole lot of other things that can provide protections to those who need medical care and to those who have been trained and skilled in offering medical treatment. For example, it offers non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, sometimes to silence physicians in the medical profession.

SB 951 also ensures clinicians can report interference in patient care without fear of retaliation. There needs to have adequate voices without fear of freedom to speech on issues related to medical issues.

Passage of SB 951 is essential and reasonable to closing the loopholes in the medical profession and restore final decisions on medical practices into the hands of physicians and medical experts not corporations and outside business entities. Oregon's physicians must have the power to make medical decisions based on scientific evidence and patients' needs.

Respectfully,
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