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**RE SB 951 - Supporting this bill**

Dear Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee:

Corporate influence in health care is a growing cause of interference with health care decisions that are often life and death decisions. If not life sustaining, putting corporations above Physicians will result in limiting vital medicine, treatments and surgeries to save money and put the patient's well being second to profits for corporations.

1. Doctors must retain the right to decide what is best for the patient based on their expertise. If Oregon allows profit driven companies to own, control, limit, influence health care decisions, the state is going down a path of destruction which will result in damage to human beings and lead to lawsuits, lack of trust in health care and the loss of the best physicians working in Oregon.

2. Prohibiting stock transfer restriction agreements used to trap physicians in clinics must not be allowed to manipulate clinical independence.

3. This bill limits the use of restrictive covenants often used for non-disclosure agreements used to silence physicians, restrict their mobility and prevent them from disclosing unfair or unsafe practices. Their loyalty to the company instead of their patients being put in direct conflict.

4. SB 951 Protects clinicians so they can report interference in patient care without interference or retaliation.

Having had cancer treatment and witnessed many of these situations while in hospitals and clinics, I nearly lost my life due to limitations on treatment and medications, restricted referrals to specialists, and incorrect diagnosis. After 6 months, and severely ill, they found I had leukemia. Over the next 3 years I witnessed many other patients struggle for treatments and care due to restrictions of corporations.

Please support SB 951 for Oregonians. Our state can lead health care in the direction of ethical standards.

Sincerely,

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