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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB951

Dear Representative Emily McIntire,

I'm writing to urge your support for Senate Bill 951, critical legislation that protects Oregon's healthcare system from corporate exploitation and preserves patient-centered care.

This bill addresses a growing concern in healthcare: the increasing corporate control over medical practices by management services organizations (MSOs). By prohibiting MSOs and their stakeholders from owning shares in or directing the management of professional medical entities they contract with, SB 951 ensures that clinical decisions remain in the hands of medical professionals rather than profit-driven corporations.

The corporate practice of medicine doctrine exists for good reason – to preserve physician autonomy and prioritize patient welfare over corporate profits. Unfortunately, MSOs have found loopholes to circumvent these protections through complex contractual relationships that give them de facto control over medical practices while technically remaining separate entities.

When MSOs have dual roles as both contractors and controlling entities, conflicts of interest inevitably arise. These arrangements create perverse incentives that can lead to unnecessary services, higher costs, restricted access, and compromised care quality. The bill directly addresses these concerns by prohibiting these dual-role arrangements.

SB 951 also protects independent practices from predatory acquisition tactics that have contributed to healthcare consolidation across our state. This consolidation has been shown to increase prices without improving quality, ultimately harming Oregon patients and businesses.

By supporting this legislation, you'll be championing Oregonians' access to quality, affordable healthcare driven by medical necessity rather than corporate profit motives. You'll also be protecting the professional autonomy of Oregon's physicians and their ability to make decisions based solely on patients' best interests.

Oregon has long been a healthcare innovator. Let's continue that tradition by passing SB 951 and ensuring that healthcare remains focused on healing, not profit margins.

I appreciate your consideration and hope to see your support for this important legislation.

Sincerely,
joshua pritikin