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I hope you will support SB951 as it maintains the independent intelligence of clinics, doctors, Physicians Assistants and others who know health care and their clients interests above corporate interference - the bill prohibits non-medical entities—such as private equity firms and venture-backed corporations—from exercising control over clinical decisions. It is in the public best interest to have only licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other authorized clinicians directing how care is delivered to patients. Management services organizations may continue providing contracted administrative support, including business and operations services, so long as the physicians leading the practice retain final authority over any decisions that affect patient care.

Secondly, the bill prohibits the use of stock transfer restriction agreements used to trap physicians in clinics under outside control, protecting clinical independence from backdoor corporate influence.

Third, it limits the use of restrictive covenants, such as non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, that are sometimes used to silence physicians, restrict their mobility, and prevent them from speaking out against unfair, unsafe, and unethical practices.

Please, keep the interest of patients care above corporate greed and interference.