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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB951

Esteemed Representatives:

Please support HB 951. This bill would help guarantee that control of health care institutions and workers remains closer to us who rely on them for safe, prompt and dependable care. We do not need to look very far to find examples of what corporate ownership does to health care services. Consider that United Health Care, among the largest conglomerations of health care insurance and services, currently faces financial difficulties that may well negatively influence the patients and medical workers under UHC's "management". Consider what corporate ownership has done to community newspapers. Just these two examples of corporate control strongly suggest what can happen to health care under corporate control. Clinics and hospitals will be closed and patients denied necessary services and treatments solely to benefit corporate bottom lines as well as stockholder and corporate officers wealth. Protect Oregon's hospitals, doctors, nurses and other health care workers from corporate greed. Support HB 951!

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