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To: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: SB951

I'm a female, 61, and in good health for my age. However, I'm among the 5-10% that often react negatively or differently than most patients to meds and medical procedures, and I've also been dealing with food intolerances and other reactive issues for about 40 years.

Finding good healthcare has been difficult at times being an "odddity" and not falling into the norms. It took many years to figure out why I was feeling so bad. I can only imagine how much more difficult it will become for anyone dealing with chronic issues to find satisfactory healthcare if corporations are controlling our healthcare systems. Their focus will be profits and their bottom line, not what is best for their patients.

How can the mass exodus of physicians be good for any of us? I strongly oppose corporate-driven healthcare because, among other things, I fear it will dehumanize healthcare. It's already difficult not to feel like a number in our currently overwhelmed healthcare system. Corporate control will only make that worse. If healthcare becomes fully profit-driven, I imagine we'll see patients being turned away or "let go" because their conditions/treatments are affecting the corporation's bottom line.

Physicians know their patients and should be free to provide them the best care possible without fear of repercussions.

Thank you,
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