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HMOs began this shift to a for-profit model years ago and now it is shifting further and further away from a health care model to more of a profit making model with corporate interests and shareholder profits running the show. Gone are the days of house-calls, long talks with your doctor and continuity of care. Doctors used to care about their patients, patients used to trust their doctors now corporate greed has changed all of that. Health care, hospitals, the police and fire departments should not be for profit entities. We all rely on those service providers: rich, poor, young, old,--no matter our color, our gender, our race or religion we all need those services. It is wrong, and potentially deadly to take control of these areas out of the hands of the experts (doctors, nurses, police officers and fire-fighters) and put them in the hands of corporate executives who only care about profits not people. No one should have to go bankrupt paying for healthcare and Oregon should not let this happen to her residents. Please support SB 951 for all Oregonians.