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Hon. Rob Nosse, Chair  
Hon. Cyrus Javadi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Behavioral Health  
and Health Care  
Oregon State Legislature  
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Chair Nosse, Vice Chair, Javadi and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Radia Inc., P.S, I write today in support of Senate Bill 951 A, addressing the corporate practice of medicine in Oregon. Radia is registered as a foreign professional corporation in Oregon and, with the blessing of the OHA's HCMO program, our Oregon-licensed physicians have been delivering care to Oregon patients through Radia's subsidiary, Radia Oregon Radiology Medical Group LLC ("RORMG") in the Medford area, since September 1, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to express Radia's support for SB 951.

Radia is a 100% physician-owned and physician-governed medical practice and management services enterprise. Neither private equity firms, nor any other "lay" corporation has any involvement in Radia's ownership structure, governance, operations, or affiliations. We appreciate the legitimate concerns regarding physician autonomy and mobility and patient access to care that motivate today's legislative conversation. We also are keenly aware of the importance of operational and administrative economies of scale in managing physician practices, and of the need for reasonable use of noncompetition clauses to support stable staffing arrangements, particularly in communities and specialties facing health professional shortages.

When adjustments to Oregon's Corporate Practice of Medicine laws were first proposed during the 2024 session, we appeared in opposition. The 2024 proposal would have changed Oregon's corporate practice of medicine laws to cause many challenges for our business model. In particular, it would have prohibited common business arrangements used widely by entirely physician-owned organizations to (1) comply with federal regulatory requirements, while (2) also allowing for local governance to be combined with centralized administrative and business services. Although we raised significant concerns with last year's proposal, we were proud to engage with Representative Bowman's office as part of a wide variety of stakeholders in a months' long process to develop the proposal before you today.

SB 951 A addresses the concerns that we raised last session. It reflects the sincerity, care, and energy that Leader Bowman and his capable staff have brought to discussing this policy over these last 12-plus months. As passed by the Senate, SB 951 A allows Oregon physicians affiliating with larger physician-only practices to have local control over compensation models and staffing, and also to participate in

The governance of a larger practice providing management services. The bill also strikes an appropriate balance between temporarily restricting physician mobility, and protecting practices' significant investments in attracting physicians to work outside of urban centers. The changes made by the senate over the course of the past year's legislative conversations have significantly improved the bill. We believe these changes will help to facilitate recruitment and retention of radiologists in rural health professional shortage areas.

We applaud the dedication and diligence of Leader Bowman's office in advancing this work, which has made it possible for us to testify today in support of SB 951 A.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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