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**OREGON STATE SENATE**

**Testimony in Support of SB 957: Non-Compete**

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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
3:00 p.m., Hearing Room C

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Lisa Reynolds, and I serve as State Senator for Senate District 17, encompassing West Portland and communities in Northeastern Washington County.

Before I was a senator—and truly, first in my heart—I’m a pediatrician.

I understand deeply the value of continuity and access to care. In my practice, some of the most rewarding moments come when a teenager who’s facing a challenge walks into my office and sits down with a doctor who’s known them since birth. That kind of longitudinal relationship builds trust, improves outcomes, and is at the core of good pediatric care.

I strongly support Senate Bill 957 because noncompetition agreements threaten that very foundation. They interrupt care, displace physicians, and break the trusted bonds between patients and providers. Continuity of care isn’t just good for the patient—it’s also one of the most cost-effective ways to deliver medicine.

We’re already facing serious physician shortages, especially in primary care. And when non-competes are used—particularly in corporate buyout situations like those we’ve seen in Eugene and Corvallis—they limit access and force patients to wait longer or travel farther for basic care. That’s not sustainable. And it’s not acceptable.

Senate Bill 957 is a targeted, balanced solution. It protects true ownership interests while removing barriers that prevent doctors from doing what they were trained and called to do: care for their patients and serve their communities.

Thank you.

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