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Measure: SB1076

I am strongly opposed to SB 1076. We are putting lives in jeopardy who have significant medical emergencies by allowing homeless patients who no longer require emergent care to occupy beds in Oregon emergency rooms. This winter I found myself in the ER with grandchildren who were suffering with RSV. Thankfully they were fast-tracked into pediatric ER,, however the mass of people awaiting care and treatment in ER was not lost on me. People were lining the walls, all seats were occupied, it was honestly a bit disturbing. A bill like this is irresponsible and unsustainable. The current short-staffed healthcare system of which we are all subject to simply cannot manage a protocol such as this. I urge you to oppose this bill and consider the far reaching ramifications if such legislature is allowed to pass and permanently impact our communities.