

Testimony for the Record

FROM: Charles M Stephens, Sisters, Oregon
TO: Members of the Oregon State Senate Health Committee
RE: **Senate Bill 408**

Senators:

I'm writing today to vehemently oppose SB 408. If this measure passes and becomes law, I will have only two choices:

1. Help organize and help fund a citizens' initiative to overturn it, or
2. Despite having lived here for 40 years, move out of the state of Oregon

I will not tolerate a bunch of OHA bureaucrats' affecting my relationships with my health care providers in any way whatsoever. My care and treatment will be determined solely by what my providers and I decide, without interference or coercion by the OHA, or anyone else. If I have to leave the state in order to ensure that, I will.

The list of my options is growing weekly as other state legislatures and governors step up to defend their citizens against the predation of the various rackets that have been destroying our country and communities for more than 3 years now.

The OHA has an absolutely dismal record of providing any sort of positive impact on the health of Oregonians, over a very long period of time. Their many failures in response to COVID 19 have resulted in needless deaths and injuries, the degradation of our children's education and socialization, and the destruction of our economy, all of which continues to this day. In fact, from the perspective of everyone in my social circle here in Sisters, Oregonians would benefit significantly if the legislature abolished the OHA, along with the current medical boards.

The majority of the people who run what passes for our healthcare industry – and it *is* an industry – have disgraced themselves over the last 3 years. Those of us who figured this out in early 2020, and there are millions and millions of us by now, will be working hard to make those responsible for the death, disability, and destruction carried out since then pay for the untold damage they've caused. There will be an accounting. We hope you'll be on the right side of that ledger. Killing SB408 would be a fine start.

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