Oregon Senators:

SB 408 counters the Oregon Constitution Bill of Rights: Freedom of religious opinion: "No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise, and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience."

During COVID, Medicine and particularly the pharmaceutical industry assumed god-like status, expecting everyone to adopt One Belief System, to adapt to One Treatment Protocol, to obey One Medical Approach.

The result? Nearly 1 million reported cases and nearly 10,000 deaths. In a state with only 3 million people. NOT a good result for Oregon's newest religion.

Freedom of Expression:

Section 8. Freedom of speech and press. No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatever

Forty Percent of Oregonians use alternative therapies. **SB 408 violates the Constitutional rights of 40% of Oregonians.** And, if SB 408 does not so violate these rights when passed, it will assume such power within its first years. The pharmaceutical industry spends hundreds of thousands of dollars lobbying and does not want competition. They must be stopped! Freedom to care for oneself in the manner consistent with one's beliefs and worldview is undeniably freedom of expression.

Section 47. Right to affordable health care. (1) It is the obligation of the state to ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right.

"Clinically appropriate" must be determined by the citizens and their chosen healthcare providers, not arbitrarily set by a board.

One size does <u>not</u> fit all. One therapy, prescription, method certainly does <u>not</u> cure all. SB 408 is not about health *care*, it is about lining the already burgeoning pockets of the pharmo-medico-industrial complex.

OPPOSE SB 408.

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