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On Behalf Of: Senior Citizens  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: SB408

Dear Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and the rest of the Senate Committee on Healthcare:

I oppose SB 408.

As a senior citizen living in Oregon and I 100% oppose yet another layer of regulation in our healthcare industry. My healthcare is between my physicians and I and for a “task force” that is unelected and unappointed to be directing my physicians what they can and can’t and MUST do is beyond the pale.

We already have trouble keeping good physicians in Oregon and another layer of bureaucracy putting more restrictions on them is not necessary.

Not only is it not necessary, it will, most likely, drive physicians out of state or out of business. Is that your ultimate goal? Do you want good physicians to leave so that you can somehow socialize healthcare in Oregon?

The Oregon Health Authority proved itself to be tyrannical and in lockstep with big pharma and the administration during the proclaimed emergency relating to the Sars-Cov2 virus. They pushed an unproven “vaccine” on people when that decision should be up to the person. What happened to my body, my choice? It is ok when it relates to having an abortion but when it comes to choosing to or not to put an untested drug into my body you were forcing people to comply or be fired in many cases. I have no doubt that the OHA will be just as tyrannical when it comes to the issue addressed in SB 408.

This bill allows for the “establishment or revision of Scope-of-Practice Requests” creating an environment where a provider group can request a reduction in a profession’s scope of practice and, if successful, would directly and negatively impact patient care and access to care across the state.

The nuance to this proposal will extinguish progress toward health care professionals practicing to the top of their license. The implementation of technological advances will also be stymied with delays created by the unneeded directive. The legislature is not ceding responsibility to this commission, but it is ceding access to timely and appropriate care by creating roadblocks and delaying proposals that restrict access to care.

I respectfully request that when you are deliberating on SB 408 that you vote NO and discard this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Lyn Boniface  
Senior citizen