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On Behalf Of: Health Care for All Oregon
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: HB4130

Chair Patterson and Committee Members,
I have met with members of the legislature and advocated for the past 10 years on the subject of the need to develop a comprehensive universal healthcare system in Oregon. As we move forward on that journey, your support would be helpful in voting yes on HB 4130 which will reduce corporate control of medical entities which could tend to favor profits over effective medical decisions.

Per a recent HCAO communication:
Corporations, including insurance companies, private equity investors, and retailers, are investing in primary care at unprecedented levels. In the last ten years, investment rose 100,000% from \$15 million annually to \$16 billion. Oregon, like many states, has historically banned the corporate ownership of primary care providers.

Yet these protections have weakened over the decades, opening new loopholes. With this unprecedented rate of investment in the field, it's time to update regulations to ensure doctors remain in control of patient care.

HB 4130 would close loopholes in Oregon's existing law to protect patients and providers.

Requires licensed physicians to have majority control of professional corporations set up to practice medicine.

HB 4130 was developed in response to growing corporate investment in health care IN OREGON.

HB 4130 A will be heard next week and your Yes vote would be appreciated!

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