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I have practiced Emergency Medicine for two decades, and I support the HB4130 bill that would prohibit corporate practice of medicine. In the last 7 years, I have witnessed an accelerating plunder of healthcare systems by corporate groups with little or no knowledge of medicine. To maximize profits, experienced physicians are cut and replaced by non-physician personnel with FAR less training and experience, many of whom are very recent graduates. Some even obtained a nurse practitioner's degree online with minimal oversight. They are paid a fraction of the cost and while many try hard, they are often not well-qualified to manage more complex medical cases. Critical support staff are cut. None of these "savings" are used to improve the healthcare system - all of it goes to line corporate portfolios.

The corporate philosophy is that the stork is always bringing more human life, so why not save a few dollars by cutting quality of care? I urge you to look more deeply at the needs of your constituents. Do not let them languish screaming in hallways for hours with broken limbs and failing hearts because somebody wanted to impress the shareholders.