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Measure: HB4130

I am a Cornell-trained board certified pediatrician who holds an unrestricted Oregon license (my home state is Pennsylvania, but I choose to work as a Locum pediatrician and telemedicine physician). This strategy has helped me stay true to the Hippocratic Oath I took to ALWAYS put the best interests of my patients first.

I write in resounding support of Oregon's HB 4130, which would prohibit corporations from practicing medicine. This bill addresses the unethical rapid expansion of forprofit investment in primary care clinics that allow private investors to use workarounds to contractually control physicians and dictate how we practice medicine.

Every state in the nation needs to follow suit and make transparent the "shell games" being played in Medicine and in people's lives.