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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure: HB4130

Dear Senators,

I am an urgent care provider, but also the Senior Medical Operations Director, for a company with multiple urgent care and primary care sites in the state of Oregon. I am writing regarding House Bill 4130. I only recently learned about this proposed legislation, and I respectfully am asking that you refrain from voting on this legislation during this session in order to allow more time to hear from all interested parties, including providers like me.

Since hearing about this legislation, I have gone on a deep dive into Representative Bowman's position, and- he and others are being slanderous towards private equity and making allegations that are unfounded- henceforth leading the public and other medical organizations to believe fallacies. I'm quite enraged at the accusations being made that the quality of care from teams supported by private equity is poor and overpriced. I would venture to guess that an uninsured patient attempting to access care with Providence would be paying more than 200 out of pocket- but- since I am not like Representative Bowman, I will not assume without factual basis.

I have been caring for patients for the past 18 years, and I am indeed outraged that if bill 4130 passes, the government in effect is eliminating options for care for the citizens of Oregon. The hospital exception is even more concerning- eluding that work conditions, benefits, and the targeted concern- provider autonomy, is better within their four walls. This is unreasonable. I would never work for a hospital system over a team ran like ours. The support from Shore and others has allowed care to drive forward- even through the pandemic- when many were laying off providers and team members, Shore provided state of the art testing across the brands- and further more, employ multiple providers in leadership roles to ensure medicine and operations work in alignment. I challenge you to find a hospital based system that does that.

In 2023, from 22 locations in Oregon, BestMed rendered care on over 200,000 occasions. Many of these locations are in rural communities, where if it wasn't for our clinic, patients would not have access to urgent care- increasing hospital burden. BestMed was only able to grow with the investment and support from Shore Capitol. I am proud to be part of this team- and, have watched it continue to grow into rural Oregon, offering more access to affordable, quality care.

I understand that this decision is moving quickly. This is something that needs to cause you pause. Pause for your own healthcare autonomy, for your parents, children and friends alike. Choices are a good thing. Choices drive excellence, and, having access to excellent care should be a right that is not taken away based on general accusations.

Respectfully,

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