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I am an anesthesiologist who lives and works in Portland. I recently changed the hospital site where I provide care after a private equity backed group took over the anesthesia contract with my former hospital system. Many factors played into the change of anesthesia groups, but the choice of a private equity backed staffing company was not one I could support. Having an entity that's goal is extracting money from "healthcare" will not benefit patients and the care they receive, nor the caregivers that provide it. The research is clear that the corporatization of medical practices leads to worse patient outcomes, higher costs, and less physician independence. Our healthcare systems in Oregon are struggling to the point where I question where I would recommend my loved ones receive care. This uncertainty is a concern personally, but also for our community at-large. Adding more parasitic private equity to the mix will not help. I urge you to support HB 4130.