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I am an academic physician with 7 years' experience practicing in Oregon offering my testimony in support of HB 4130. This is a vital piece of legislation to protect the health and wellness of Oregonians and the sustainability of our health care system.

The evidence on the matter is not equivocal - corporate ownership of medical practice worsens turnover and physician burnout (<https://nihcm.org/publications/private-equity-ownership-reshapes-workforce-composition-in-physician-practices>) and has significant negative impacts on quality of patient care and patient outcomes including death (<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2813379>). The incidence of 'never events' goes up, the churn of the workforce increases, and the only ones consistently benefiting are those who seek to turn a short-term profit from the medical system.

Medical organizations should be run for and by those who have a personal stake in the improvement of patients' lives and community health. Personal and local ownership leads to accountability. I urge you to prioritize your constituents' health and wellness and vote in support of this bill.