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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB4130

I also write in strong support of HB 4130.

Large corporations are increasingly feeding at the trough of healthcare dollars at the expense of patient care. Private equity and national corporations are primarily beholden to their investors and shareholders, instead of the health of the aged, infirmed, or general population. Rep. Bowman's bill does not make wholesale changes to how health care is delivered or paid for, it merely closes loopholes that currently allow those not medically trained to take part in healthcare decisions for patients. It also protects a doctor's freedom to speak out and practice where they want. And lastly, it shines a light on what can be the very opaque business of finding out who actually owns a medical practice.

I don't want to be treated as a commodity and as a vehicle for corporate profit. Both the Oregon Constitution and OHA have stated goals of healthcare affordability, equity, and access; corporate practice of medicine threatens all of these goals. Please support this measure so that we can help retain local control of our Oregon healthcare providers and work towards better health for all Oregonians. Thank you for all you do