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I am a practicing physician in strong support of HB4130. Corporate ownership of medical facilities and practices forces physicians to meet unrealistic goals for patient volume which compromises the safety of patient care, all in the name of enriching shareholders and executives. The profit driven goals in these settings also lead to pushing lesser trained clinicians like NPs and PAs into clinical positions for which they often do not have adequate training or experience, all because these providers command lower salaries than physicians. This too compromises patient safety and often patients are unaware that they are not seeing the most qualified clinician available (physician), due to lack of transparency. Patients and physicians both become cogs in a system whose goal is enriching the bottom line and not maximizing patients' health and quality of life.