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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1000

SUBJECT: Counting on you to vote NO on Senate Bill 1000

MESSAGE: To the Senate Committee on Healthcare,

The Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay needs help. But Senate Bill 1000 isn't the right way to address this. Oregon taxpayers should NOT be on the hook for propping up a hospital that will be sold and leased to Quorum Health by the time the bill takes effect.

There is an alternative Shared Responsibility Plan being pushed by UFCW Local 555 that would help keep the hospital public. The plan polls at 56% support in the region, and asks for a small, temporary local contribution that is matched by the State. That allows voters to have a say in our own healthcare system.

I am a 79 years old cancer survivor. I received all my treatment (chemo and radiation) as this facility. If it is sold to an entity only interested in PROFITS, it will end up going out of business, and we seniors will be unable to get care on the coast. Small hospitals on the coast - Bandon, Coquille, Umpqua, Florence - do not have these services. PLEASE DONOT LET THIS VALUABLE ASSET IN OUR AREA to be sold to a "For Profit Hedge Fund" who will rob the facility down until it has to close.

Sincerely,

From: Sue
Lakeside, OR