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Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Bill 3923. My name is Dr. Husein Shaikh, and I am a dentist and the owner of an independent practice in downtown Hillsboro, Oregon. As a minority business owner, I provide care to a large minority and underserved population. Many of my patients rely on Medicaid for their dental care, and I take great pride in serving my community.

The ability of a large Dental Care Organization (DCO) to strip away my patients without cause would be devastating — not only for my practice but for my family as well. As an independent provider, I've poured my heart into building a business that supports my loved ones while delivering essential care to those who often have no other options. I cannot emphasize enough how unfair it is for a large corporation to threaten the livelihood of small business owners like myself.

Beyond the impact on providers, this system severely harms the patients we serve. Many of my patients come from minority backgrounds and face systemic barriers to accessing care. They have entrusted me with their health, often overcoming deep-seated fears and skepticism about the healthcare system. When that relationship is abruptly severed due to corporate decisions, it causes significant disruption. Continuity of care is not just a convenience — it is a necessity, especially for patients undergoing complex and ongoing treatment plans.

House Bill 3923 is a crucial step in protecting both providers and patients. It ensures that independent dentists like myself are not left powerless against large entities that prioritize profit over patient care. It also upholds the rights of patients to choose their provider, preserving the relationships they've built and the trust they've established.

As a father, husband, and provider, the thought of losing what I've built — simply because a large DCO can dictate the fate of my patients — is unacceptable. I urge you to stand with independent providers, small business owners, and the communities we serve by supporting HB 3923.

Thank you for your time and consideration