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I am a physician who specializes in hospice and palliative care. I have also worked as a medical director in hospice and palliative care programs. I am now work part-time as a hospice physician and I volunteer in hospice and palliative care education and advocacy work. I strongly support SB 1575.

The national hospice community has seen an increasing number of bad actors in the hospice field, entities that provide minimal and inferior hospice services to increase their stockholder profits. There is a real danger that these bad actors will move to places like Oregon where the state laws are still relatively lax. That is why I strongly support SB 1575 which will tighten Oregon's licensing processes and oversight and make it more difficult for bad actors to re-locate here.

I ask you to support SB 1575.

Thank you!