## TRAVIS E. NELSON STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 44



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Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Vote Explanation on SB 951-A** 

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

SB 951-A is a strong first step in reaffirming that physicians should be the ones leading medical practice. That said, I am disappointed that hospital systems were not included in this bill. I will vote yes because I believe this is sound policy, but I urge this legislature to go further. We must ensure that large hospital systems are not allowed to acquire physician practices only to place control in the hands of CEOs who have never practiced medicine. The integrity of patient care depends on clinical decisions being made by those trained to make them.

Sincerely,

State Representative Travis Nelson

House District 44, North/NE Portland