Hospital Mergers Petition

Dear Governor Inslee,

As religiously affiliated health systems take over secular ones at an unprecedented pace in Washington, patients are at risk of being denied access to important medical services and prevented from receiving information necessary to make fully informed decisions. All patients should have access in their local communities to their choice of lawful, medically appropriate services, including end-of-life care services, reproductive health care, and without discrimination toward LGBT individuals and families.

Health facilities provide an essential public service, supported in part by tax dollars. Denying patients access to medical services and information because a health system is controlled by religious doctrine puts patients at risk. And it goes against Washington's strong and long-standing protections under the State Constitution, and voter-approved laws that protect reproductive freedom, death with dignity, and LGBT rights.

I strongly urge you to take action to ensure that religious ideology does not dictate the health care services a patient may choose. With your help, the State of Washington can uphold our strong protections and preserve patients' right to access to best care medical services.

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