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I'm a Board-Certified Emergency Physician and General Practitioner in Columbus, GA. Former Army Officer. The corporatization of medicine nearly made me LEAVE medicine entirely. What's happening out there is too unethical for me to be a part of. I quit my job working in my local ER (with a strongly worded resignation letter that outlined my ethical opposition to certain widespread practices) and now it's staffed almost entirely by non-EM trained physicians and midlevels. The patients have NO CLUE. The "care" they get is ridiculous... it would be malpractice 1000x over if anyone cared enough to pay attention (not like my patient population is in a position to sue anyone, which the big baddies know). They exploit vulnerable populations by design. It's NOT right. Physicians being replaced by non-physician practitioners, ostensibly to increase "access" and decrease "costs," but in actuality just to lower some nefarious corporation's staffing overhead and bring in MORE profits by ordering MORE unnecessary tests and prescriptions. Please. I'm reaching out all the way from GA because we HAVE to take this fight national if we want real physicians to be around to care for ourselves and our families as we age (I won't let anyone I love go near most NPs). The cost-cutting that goes on when a PE-backed corporation buys a hospital ought to be CRIMINAL. The control these companies exert over physicians and the power they take away from the physician-patient relationship- need to be addressed, aggressively. PHYSICIANS are the ONLY professionals properly trained and oath-bound to protect patients and the practice of medicine. Corporations cannot practice medicine- they're not trained, they're not oath-bound, they serve only one master and it isn't science or the patient- it's just money. We need your help. Tell the corporate sleaze balls to "pound sand" and help us start to fix this mess. Please. ALL of our futures depend on it.

PS if you haven't seen the Boston Globe article about the Steward jets and yachts, I dare you read it without vomiting. These a*holes are going around in luxury jets and super yachts paid for with the blood of dead patients.

Sorry, not sorry, for being crass. Hope y'all are paying attention. Thanks for your time.