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I am an emergency physician in Central Oregon and have been practicing for 20 years. I'm also very active with the American College of Emergency Physicians, and have watched as patients across the country have been harmed by the corporate practice of medicine. Healthcare is a public good, not a for profit business. When you start to prioritize profits over patients, then quality of care suffers. This is well documented when private equity takes over hospitals, staffing ratios suffer, patients wait longer for necessary care, and harm increases.

As a physician, it is my moral obligation to put the needs of my patients above the profits of private investors. These private investors are happy to cash their dividend checks, but they don't see the blood and pain of the mothers, fathers, children that paid for their profits. It's time to tell corporations to get out of the patient/physician relationship and give control of healthcare back to the people who know it best.