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This bill begins to address the problem of profit over health and also alleviates the issue of Doctors and nurses not having the ability to offer the best care or best methods. IOne thing to say about a private equity firm is that they are there to not keep a hospital up and running "efficiently" but rather turning it into a shell for profit until they rip it from the community.

An important aspect of this bill is that it should lower or have the potential to lower the cost of treatment. Shareholders and private equity firms linked to hospitals again seek a profit and that means charging more for everything.

Medical debt should be cancelled and non existent and uncoupling shareholders and private equity firms from the actual billing departments is a step in the right direction on this terrible matter that must be dealt with. No other country in the world has citizens with medical debt and yet innovation doesn't seem to be an issue.

I'm so glad to see SB 951 and hope it gets the votes of yes. Thank you!