

LWVUS letter to FTC, DOJ, HHS: concluding paragraphs

Re: Request for Information on Consolidation in Healthcare Markets, Docket No.: ATR-102

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PE and health care are incompatible: ...

- spiraling prices,
- diminished access, and
- declining quality, including unnecessary illness, injury, death.

The essence of health care

— an ethical commitment by autonomous, highly trained professionals to the improvement and well-being of their patients and clients —

is undermined by PE's financialization strategies that emphasize maximizing profits above all.

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The health care system functions best when everyone has adequate access to care and decisions are made in the best interest of patients and communities, rather than owners and investors seeking to maximize financial return.

The unfettered pursuit of profit is unhealthy for the American economy and for the communities that suffer...

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