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I am an emergency medicine physician. Physicians are not perfect humans, but the amount of work and time it takes to actually take care of people's health results in the overwhelming majority of us imperfect people trying to do the right thing for our patients. The corporatization of medicine and selling/bartering of medical assets on the private equity market has completely fouled our healthcare system - skyrocketing costs to patients mean great profits to shareholders. Slashing workforces until they're as lean as possible also means more shareholder profits. Good healthcare and the practice of compassionate, physician led care is like having a parachute on a plane - you hope you never truly need it, but when you get it, you're glad it's the highest quality and not the result of someone trying to figure out how to "save money" on parachutes by getting the cheapest one possible.

Physicians are demoralized with the type of administrative glut and bureaucracy plaguing our once-honorable profession. If more and more leave or retire early because they can't handle being undercut by non-physician providers or corporate interests finding the best profit margins in every corner, there will be fewer and fewer remaining who can provide the type of high-quality care we all hope to receive at our time of need.