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Hello,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and board-certified diagnostic and pediatric radiologist. I have been witnessing in horror the dismantling of high-quality healthcare in the US, due to a myriad of reasons. One glaring one is the private corporate ownership of health care systems and institutions. This is a complicated issue, but the result is that the end goals for these corporations are essentially the opposite of those of physicians'. Our training and passion is centered on quality and compassionate patient care. Their goals are solely about the bottom line. The cost-cutting measures essentially limit patient access to quality care and push physicians to complete burnout.

As a radiologist, I watch as fellow radiologists are pushed to read an unsafe high number of studies every single day, to generate more money for their employers. Of course I understand that money must be generated to pay employees and keep the lights on; however, the extremes some of these companies will go to in order to squeeze out every last dollar is driving radiologists to burnout.

Please strongly consider this cursory overview and support this bill.

Thank you very much,
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