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The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas
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The Honorable Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives
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Dear Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Burrows:

Giant tax-exempt hospitals are driving healthcare costs higher with little accountability. Today, Save Our States launches a campaign to expose the misguided priorities at three nonprofit hospital systems in Texas, including a TV ad and additional findings at HealthcareBetrayal.com. This follows the release of our Nonprofit Hospital Accountability Report, which examines the spending habits of fourteen other major tax-exempt hospital systems.

Texans want relief from rising healthcare costs. It is unacceptable that subsidized, tax-exempt hospital systems prioritize executive perks and other luxuries over patients. In our new research, Save Our States reveals that Memorial Hermann, Mission Regional Medical Center, and Barrio Comprehensive Family Health Care benefit from millions in government programs and tax breaks, yet spend lavishly on executive salaries, foreign investments, and flashy sponsorships.

We found that Memorial Hermann takes millions from federal programs while paying exorbitant seven-figure salaries to dozens of executives, including more than $6 million for their CEO. The system boasts a billion in foreign investments, flashy sponsorships with the Houston Rockets, and has spent nearly two million dollars on art collections.

Meanwhile, Mission Regional Medical Center was under investigation for promoting discounted birth packages across the US-Mexico border, while benefiting from subsidies from Americans' hard-earned tax dollars.

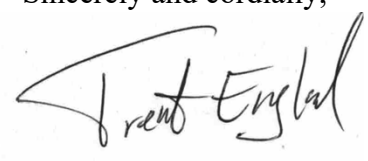
Compounding these concerns, another tax-exempt system in Texas, Barrio Comprehensive Family Health Care, has multiplied revenue more than 10x in the last decade, predominantly (73.2%) from a government program that lets it buy discounted drugs while charging patients full price. Despite this huge influx of revenue, Barrio was caught claiming illegal duplicate discounts in an attempt to receive even more.

All these findings—lavish compensation, expensive sponsorships, birth tourism packages, and profiteering from drug discounts—deserve rigorous scrutiny from Texas lawmakers. The public deserves to know whether tax-exempt hospitals use taxpayer-subsidies and government-created advantages for patients or simply for themselves, to inflate executive compensation and indulge other spending priorities at odds with their charitable mission.

As constituents look to newly elected officials to lower costs, cut wasteful spending, and usher in accountability, leaders from both sides of the aisle have the opportunity to work together to bring accountability to these institutions. Texas taxpayers shouldn't be forced to foot the bill for hospitals that act more like huge revenue-maximizing corporations than charitable institutions.

It's time for state lawmakers to take a closer look at nonprofit hospitals that have forgotten their charitable mission. Save Our States stands ready to provide any additional materials that may assist you in carrying out your oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely and cordially,



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