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Addressing Healthcare Cost and Access by Increasing Hospital Competition

Perverse incentives for consolidation and lack of transparency have created a material hospital monopoly problem with detrimental effects on healthcare price and value. The bills below are taking some steps to restore competition and start addressing Medicare insolvency.

Eliminating antitrust enforcement loopholes and barriers of entry:

1. [Combating Hospital Monopolies Act](#) – to fix FTC oversight jurisdiction loophole to include nonprofit hospitals.
2. [Restoring Rights of Medical Residents Act](#) – to eliminate antitrust exemptions for medical residency.
3. [Addressing Anti-Competitive Healthcare Contract Clauses Act](#) – to evaluate effects of anti-competitive contract clauses.
4. [Restoring Rights of Physicians to Own Hospitals Act](#) – to repeal the ban on physician-owned hospitals.

Improving transparency, accountability, and patient choice:

5. [Preventing Hospital Overbilling of Medicare Act](#) – to address intentional overbilling by off-campus hospital locations.
6. [Empowering Patient Choice of Medical Care Act](#) – to eliminate inpatient only service list.
7. [Holding Nonprofit Hospitals Accountable Act](#) – to define community benefit standard for tax-exempt hospital status.

Enhancing state healthcare market competition:

8. [Measuring State Healthcare Freedom Act](#) – to develop state healthcare market competition index and empower states to promote competition.