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Amedisys

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## Your Honorable Judge James Bredar,

I am writing you today about the UnitedHealth Group's proposed \$3.3 billion acquisition of home health and hospice care provider Amedisys. The Department Of Justice was right to challenge this deal, which would eliminate head-to-head competition that lowers costs, improves care quality, and betters working conditions for nurses and other caregivers. The proposed settlement abandons that goal and caves to UnitedHealth Group, one of the most dangerous monopolists in American health care. It claims to divest home health and hospice care providers in overlapping markets but, in actuality, cedes them to similarly conflicted buyers, including a highly-leveraged private-equity firm. As a result, Big Medicine will profit at the expense of vulnerable hospice patients, some of whom will pay with their lives, and the workers who care for them.

As per the 1974 Tunney Act, please scrutinize the Justice Department's proposed settlement in light of what is best for the general public, not the business interests.

Thank you,
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