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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Opposing DOJ Settlement in UnitedHealth–Amedisys Merger
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Dear Antitrust Division,

I am writing to express strong opposition to the Justice Department’s proposed settlement regarding UnitedHealth Group’s \$3.3 billion acquisition of Amedisys.

Last year, the DOJ rightly sued to block this transaction, recognizing that it would eliminate critical competition, increase costs, lower care quality, and worsen conditions for healthcare workers. By now proposing to settle, the Department risks siding with Big Medicine at the expense of patients and providers. Hospice patients and the workers who care for them will suffer most from increased consolidation and reduced accountability.

As required under the Tunney Act, U.S. District Judge James Bredar must scrutinize whether this settlement serves the public interest. I urge the Department to reconsider its position and stand with patients, healthcare workers, and communities — not with healthcare conglomerates that profit by reducing access to care.

This settlement reflects a troubling pattern from the Trump administration: relying on voluntary pledges and promises from powerful healthcare corporations instead of enforcing real accountability. Americans deserve structural reform that breaks up Big Medicine, not deals that entrench its monopolistic power.

I respectfully urge the DOJ to withdraw this proposed settlement and continue efforts to block this harmful merger outright. Protecting patients, workers, and the integrity of our healthcare system must come before corporate profits.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

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