Survey: Hospital Consolidation Contributes to High Healthcare Costs for TX Small Business

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Texas Small Businesses Want Action

Texas findings from the survey include:

- Nearly half (45%) of those surveyed say they have seen hospital consolidation in their region, with the number of hospitals shrinking.
- The biggest outcomes of those who have seen hospital consolidation are:
  - 64% have fewer choices about where to receive care.
  - 47% see a loss of competition.
  - 45% see longer waits.
- 85% say that the consolidation of hospitals in their areas have made the overall availability and quality of healthcare services in their communities worse.
- 75% say the availability and cost of health insurance has been negatively impacted by hospital consolidation.
- 82% of small business owners say that hospital consolidation leads to a lack of competition making hospital services more expensive for employees, eating into their pay.
- 86% say it's important that federal and state governments intervene in the consolidation of the health systems.
- 90% say that hospitals are unfairly charging high prices leading to high healthcare costs and it's time for price regulation.
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We’re committed to ensuring policymakers prioritize Main Street by advancing a just and equitable economic framework that works for small business owners, their employees and their communities.