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To: Senate Health and Social Services

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I would like to render my opinion that the Certificate of need program has been twisted from protecting Communities from an oversupply of facilities which could render them insolvent to now being utilized as protection against competition and driving pricing and access issues through the development of an oligopoly!

The lack of available services through Covid was a huge illuminator of the effects of the system. The conflict of imposing a large number of facilities which may be granted a "Tax Exempt" status from local governments while still requiring community resources may be something for the local government to consider, not the DStates obligation.

Thank you for your attention.

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