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Dear Vice President Vance:

This year, Save Our States launched a new initiative, “[Healthcare Betrayal](#),” showing how tax-exempt hospitals and health systems often have misguided priorities and misuse taxpayer funds and other government benefits. Today, we expand this effort with the release of our “Nonprofit Hospital Accountability Report.” The report examines 14 tax-exempt hospital systems, exposing their strange spending priorities and troubling track records on patient care and safety.

Your hard work to protect Americans from fraudulent spending and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used effectively is the kind of leadership needed to curtail what we believe is the misuse and abuse of these funds.

America’s largest nonprofit hospital systems receive billions of dollars in federal and state tax exemptions, grants, subsidies, and other taxpayer-supported benefits that should allow them to prioritize patients, charity care, and other community benefits. However, the facts presented in this report suggest that some nonprofit health systems exploit these benefits for very different priorities.

The misuse of taxpayer dollars should concern every policymaker and public official. Taxpayer-supported benefits are meant to support the public good, not subsidize massive medical corporations that may be failing their patients.

While receiving more and more taxpayer support, hospital executives have collected multimillion-dollar compensation packages, and their nonprofit corporations have funded lavish facilities, luxury travel, and fancy branding campaigns. At the same time, many of these tax-exempt hospital systems reported low levels of charity care; conducted layoffs of frontline staff; sued

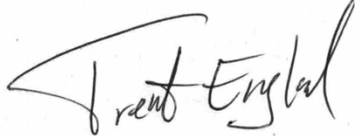
patients for medical debt; and faced allegations of failing at patient care, privacy, and safety.

Among the examples highlighted in this report are executive compensation packages exceeding \$33 million for the CEO of Sentara; millions spent by Cleveland Clinic and Henry Ford on sports partnerships and athletic facilities; Cedars-Sinai committing just 0.19% on charity care; and NewYork-Presbyterian's involvement in a \$750 million sexual abuse settlement. These facts raise serious questions about whether these hospital corporations deserve their tax-exempt status and other benefits.

I hope you will review the enclosed report and consider whether nonprofit hospital systems like those examined here are fulfilling their charitable missions, appropriately using government benefits, and upholding the public trust that is the basis of their privileged status. The American people deserve nonprofit hospitals that respect taxpayers and that put patients first. This report shows the need for greater scrutiny and accountability of these institutions.

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to the American people.

Sincerely and cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trent England". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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