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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Abbott,

Today, Consumers' Research, the nation's oldest consumer advocacy organization, is issuing a *Consumer Warning* focused on nonprofit hospital systems across the United States using taxpayer-sponsored resources to fund ideologically charged policies and programming. As part of this campaign, we focus on Memorial Hermann Health System for prioritizing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and gender ideology, which run counter to Texans' values.

As noted in the report, many nonprofit hospital systems have leveraged numerous funding streams from the federal government and benefits from their tax-exempt status to advance controversial political and social causes rather than serve their community. This means that taxpayers are wrongly left footing the bill for hospitals' political activism.

Memorial Hermann Health System is a large network of 17 nonprofit hospitals and several healthcare facilities. The system saw more than \$7.8 billion in [revenue](#) during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, ending with \$6.5 billion in net assets with CEO and President David Callender receiving an annual salary of around \$4 million. The health system has prioritized political agendas such as DEI efforts and performed sex-change procedures on children.

Since 2021, Consumers' Research has raised the alarm and educated consumers through the [Consumers First Initiative](#) about the dangers of woke capitalism and how institutions and companies pushing an activist agenda are betraying their customers. Recently, we expanded our consumer education [initiative](#) to include hospitals nationwide that are prioritizing political ideology over patients. Just like in companies and academia, there is no room for woke politics in our health systems. Such behavior stands in direct opposition to the [policies](#) of President Trump and his administration. Through [executive orders](#) and agency actions, President Trump has worked to eliminate woke politics, including DEI initiatives, from institutions like hospitals.

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It is time for the health systems highlighted in the *Consumer Warning* and others engaging in these political agendas to refocus on their core mission of providing exemplary care to patients at low costs.

We urge you to again take a stand and demand hospitals in Texas cease their left-wing activism and ensure that nonprofit healthcare institutions prioritize patient care over political agendas. Consumers' Research trusts you will act in the best interests of your constituents and the values they hold dear.

Sincerely,

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CC: Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Jennifer A. Shuford, MD, MPH

Attachment:

Consumers' Research Consumer Warning: Woke Hospitals: Embracing Political Priorities Ahead of Patient Care

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