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**To:** yy EadPortalGovCr

**Subject:** Merging of Mountain States & Bristol Wellmont Hospitals

Hello ~ Two hospitals are currently considering merging. I oppose the merge and ask that you kindly not allow this to happen. Mountain States Health Alliance currently is in control of the majority of hospitals in my region and if they take Bristol Wellmont then they will have a monopoly of the hospitals in Southwest VA and Upper East TN. I don't think it is right to force citizens to use only one company for healthcare. I personally had a problem with Johnston Memorial Hospital when my daughter was born. I vowed then I would never go back to JMH. I am not alone in the unhappiness from Abingdon's Hospital. There is not a week that goes by that I don't hear from one of my customers of a bad experience they have had and they say the same thing as I have, "... never again". If MSHA takes over Bristol Wellmont then the citizens in this part of the State will not have any other choice, which is not right nor reasonable. With the merger they will control ALL the hospitals. Roanoke, VA which is two hours away or Knoxville, TN which is two hours away will be the closest facilities for a larger facility. Larger facilities mean more specialities in an emergency situation. Please help with this. It is bad enough I have been forced to abide by ObamaCare Insurance guidelines. This is another request I would like for you to take issue with. I am a small business owner so I have to pay for my insurance. It seems the harder I work, the lower my standards of living are going. I am sacrificing and doing without more. One would expect that the harder one works the more they are rewarded. Where is the \$2500 savings per year that the President promised? I seem to be paying more than my share and it seems that the Welfare Programs are only growing in my area. I know more people that can't afford insurance and don't have it than before when they did have it. Good working people, can't afford it! In 2014 my premium with Anthem was \$568.00/mo with \$2000 deductible for my family of three. In 2015 I was forced to comply with guidelines of ObamaCare, which I resent having to pay for products I won't use, i.e., maternity, and the premium shot up to \$998.00/mo with \$2500 ded. In 2016 I had to change my deductible to \$4100 and I pay \$1010.00 per month. Please consider those of us out here that take pride in the American dream. I don't want a government handout. I don't want to be on a welfare list. I have more respect for myself. Thank you for hearing my frustrations in this upsetting time with the economy and other poor decisions of open borders and blanket citizenships. Americans need to come first. I would not want your job and thank you for all you do for the good of Virginia's people. Warmest Regards, Christine Davidson