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Competition in markets and in ideas has made America a great nation. Until now, I have been a strong Republican. I even contributed to the National Republican Congressional Committee. However, my experience has shown me that markets are being closed and we no longer even have the freedom of ideas. I adapted best practices and technology from other industries to address the high costs of healthcare by eliminating the inefficiency causing hospital supplies to increase in cost at twice the rate of inflation. My bank with undisclosed relationships to the two companies that dominate 80% of the trillion-dollar hospital supply market responded by using the USA PATRIOT Act against me before the regulations were even implemented. The FTC did not even bat an eye when these two competitors announced the merger of their separate marketplaces for hospital supplies in November. Senator Sam Brownback a defender of this monopoly<sup>1</sup>[1] and the rest of Congress have looked the other way despite three separate antitrust hearings over conduct in the hospital supply industry that would send an auto parts or grocery dealer to prison. In healthcare, inflation has cost the loss of hundreds of thousands of American jobs and unaffordable health insurance has cost thousands of lives.<sup>2</sup>[2] The monopolists have been able to use the government against me for trying to enforce existing antitrust law is followed because of the bank's use of the USA PATRIOT Act making me a target to be investigated. Instead of investigating the fraud and waste of the hospital supply monopoly, my party is getting ready to cut Medicaid in Congress like Missouri was forced to. Its time for me to change parties and I hope it's not too late to change America back.

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1[1] In the Hospital Group Purchasing Organization lobby's press release, Sen. Brownback cited the positive impact GPOs have in his state. "Hospitals across Kansas benefit from the low prices the GPO secures for their critical medical products and services." He said the Initiative "is a key step that will ensure the integrity of business practices in our healthcare system, and maintain its cost-effectiveness."

[www.healthcaregpoii.com/hgprii-initiative-release-71205.pdf](http://www.healthcaregpoii.com/hgprii-initiative-release-71205.pdf)

See also The Hill <http://www.hillnews.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/071205/healthcare.html>

2[2] In Peter Jennings' last documentary, he finds that spiraling costs and the growing number of uninsured are all part of a health insurance system in a state of crisis.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/Health/story?id=1406691>