Greetings!

Working for healthcare freedom and common sense policies that support patients and doctors is hard work. It is not for the weak, the short-sighted, or the faint of heart.

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And now the U.S. Congress knows it, too. Thanks to Dr. Keith Smith of the Surgery Center of Oklahoma.

In this video clip, Dr. Smith is testifying before a House Budget Committee on "Restoring the Trust for Families and Working-Age Americans" (EventID=105344). Sen. David Brat (R-VA) posed a question and concern about what education is and is not doing to bring a moral component to teaching students about business, specifically about teaching not only facts, figures, and revenues, but what makes business morally good and right.
We think you'll really appreciate Dr. Smith's answer. And we couldn't be prouder of you all.

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MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM DR. SMITH'S CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE

Although the over two and a half hour session is very interesting--not only from a subject matter standpoint, but to get a glimpse into how Congressional committees actually function!--you may not want to watch the entire video. If the short preview interested you, here are some highlights from the first hour of the hearing.

- 08:43 Begins
- 43:50 Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Price (R-GA) to Dr. Smith: How does he offer low cost healthcare?
- 49:59 Questions about online pricing and emergency services
- 55:48 On Medicare | Medicaid and why Dr. Smith takes no federal money. "...rational pricing emerges from competitive activity, and the idea that prices can be dictated from on high is just wrong."
- 01:09:07 Sen. Brat sets up question that Dr. Smith answers in short segment above
- 1:11:18 How do people pay for surgeries? What if they don't have money?

Let us know what other gems you find!

Thank you for supporting BRI. Thank you for the heroic steps you take every day to further healthcare freedom and strengthen the patient-doctor relationship.
We couldn't do it without you.

In partnership,

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