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Senators Baucus and Grassley Use Tragic Death in an Attempt to Gain Political Foothold Against Physician Hospitals

Once again, with a political win against physician owned hospitals as their sole charge, Senators Baucus and Grassley are politicizing a tragic occurrence at one of the nation's over 230 physician hospitals.

"It is despicable that Senators Max Baucus and Chuck Grassley would use the tragic death of one patient to help support the attempts of corporate hospitals and bureaucrats to undermine hospitals owned and operated by physicians themselves. The fact of the matter is, every independent study, including those by federal government, demonstrate physician-owned hospitals have lower mortality rates and lower morbidity rates by patient outcomes across the United States. There are over 100,000 preventable deaths in American hospitals every year.

As recently as last week, the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) released national data, which again shows significantly better outcomes for patients at hospitals owned and operated by physicians, rather than those under the control of bureaucrats and corporations. Unfortunately, Senators Baucus and Grassley appear to be getting their information exclusively from opponents of Physician Hospitals of America, such as the American Hospital Association. They are cherry picking tragedies for political leverage and perpetuating a mythology which was created for no purpose other than to financially benefit the hospitals operated by bureaucrats and corporations, without regard to patient outcomes and overall quality."

-Brett Gosney, President of PHA Board of Directors