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3 Title: Resolution Against Monopsony Power  
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee A  
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11 House Action: **APPROVED AS AMENDED**  
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14 Whereas, single payer health care has many attractive properties, including administrative  
15 simplification, overarching comprehensiveness, etc., and  
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17 Whereas, it has a fatal flaw in that a single payer inherently has monopsony power, that is the  
18 single payer can set the wages without any consideration of the value of the work paid for, and  
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20 Whereas, monopsony is defined as a market situation in which there is only one buyer<sup>1</sup>, and  
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22 Whereas, to quote Leon Trotsky, "in the past if you did not work, you did not eat; now he who  
23 does not obey does not eat," and "in a country where the sole employer is the State, opposition means  
24 death by slow starvation. The old principle: who does not work shall not eat, has been replaced by a  
25 new one: who does not obey shall not eat;" therefore be it  
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27 RESOLVED: That MSMS consider monopsony when evaluating health care payment systems.  
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30 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I have the following conflict of interest to disclose:

Doctor Szocik is employed by Michigan Medicine, which receives federal funding from Medicaid, Medicare; and for resident training; as well multiple private insurance agencies. Doctor Szocik has consulted in the past with MPRO, a peer-review organization.

#### Relevant MSMS Policy:

##### National Health Care

MSMS supports voluntary, free-choice methods of medical and health care rather than a system dominated and controlled by the federal government. (Prior to 1990)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monopsony>