

Brief submission

Quantifying the cost of Volunteer Workers in these Industries Do Not make the Mistake of Ignoring this economic fact. A lot of the services and service providers in this inquiry have many volunteers in their organisations. Many volunteers may not feel inclined to work for a "For Profit" organisation, where their efforts are contributing to someone else's profits. The extra cost of having to pay volunteers, would need to be quantified. Or the cost of having to employ someone to do the work of the volunteers would need to be quantified. The cost would easily be in the billions of dollars. To ignore this would be a dereliction, and would mean any figures given from the commission would be incorrect. In a "For Profit" environment, will these volunteers be paid. Health care is not a commodity and therefore should not be viewed within a free market context. When markets fail, the taxpayer ends up paying more. Vocational education is a case in point. I have added an article on why health care is not a commodity, to help explain it within an economic analysis framework, and a couple of memes.

Regards,
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See Link

[Cynthis Levine-Rasky, Six Reasons Why Health Care is not a Commodity](#)

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