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David Balat is a seasoned healthcare executive with 25+ years of experience in healthcare finance, hospital management, organizational leadership, and business development. He is a proven turn-around specialist for large group practices and community-based hospitals with a high success rate for keeping vital facilities solvent and important members of their community.

David's journey into public policy began in 2018 when he founded the non-profit coalition of Free2Care. This coalition of physician and patient advocacy groups grew to over 8 million members nationally to include over 70 thousand physicians. He was then recruited to lead the healthcare campaign for the Texas Public Policy Foundation in Austin, Texas. While in this role, David was instrumental in changing the narrative surrounding healthcare and worked with legislators and their leadership to pass meaningful reforms.

David has earned the privilege of being invited to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform in Washington, D.C., and before various House committees in the Texas state Legislature. He is a published author and op-ed columnist in Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, Real Clear Politics, and other news outlets. He is also an active speaker and commentator on matters of health policy and healthcare reform.