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RE: S574 An Act relative to equitable health care pricing
DT: 7 March 2016

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Healthcare Financing,

Thank you for considering *S574, An Act relative to equitable health care pricing* before your committee on September 22nd.

The goal of this legislation is to keep care in our local hospitals. Smaller community hospitals are closing across the Commonwealth because of inequalities in the reimbursement process. The bill would prohibit healthcare providers and private health insurance companies from entering into contracts that would pay hospitals more than 20% above the average amount paid to similar healthcare providers for the same healthcare services

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *S574, An Act relative to equitable health care pricing* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux