Thank you for letting the average citizen comment on this proposed legislation. I believe the interest rates should be the same rate that the Commonwealth pay vendors when it is late making payments. Also, I believe there should not be a daily penalty for late payment. The interest charges are enough. I don't believe the bill should be punitive in this manner. Emergency and Non-emergency patients should be treated in the same manner. When you go to a In-network provider, it should be required by this legislation that everyone providing services there agreed by working there to be covered by the agreement to be In-network. If they don't want to accept these payments they shouldn't provide services there. The section on determining how much the payments should be isn't needed if this in there.

I realize that getting a billing passed requires compromise, which is why so much legislation really does not fully meet the ideals we would hope for. Please try to make this a simple bill that can be passed, that lets us get the services we need and not have to worry about gotchas and does not add bureaucratic burdens.

Sincerely,

Brian Gruber