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Submitted to the Committee on Public Health
For HB 1973

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Hearing Date: April 3, 2023 9:00 AM

Lynda Hogue
Self
Lubbock, TX

I support the bill HB 1973

Thank you,
Lynda Hogue

Andre Lemke
self; self-employed
San Marcos, TX

I am in support of Senator Harris's proposed bill HB 1973. In order for patients to receive uncompromising and ethical care, all medical billing should be detailed and transparent and provided to patients automatically. Any medical professional who does not follow this standard should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, as concealed billing is purely designed to pad the pockets of members of the scientific community and not to provide quality care to the individual. It has gone on for too long that pharmaceutical companies, surgeons and many other scientific disciplines have raped the public and it should not be allowed to continue. Doctors, as caregivers should not be making huge sums of money as this promotes interventions that are unnecessary and harmful in order for the practitioner to make a buck. It is a shameful practice and has created a profession with very questionable motives, enticing individuals who desire money over compassion. In addition, promoting the government food pyramid plays right into this very problem, causing much of the illness we see in America. The entire health care system in this country needs a massive overhaul and I say this as a former health care worker. I urge you to take this step in the right direction and approve HB 1973.

Celeste Adams
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I support itemized billing by healthcare providers for both services and supplies

James Branden

Self

Carrollton, TX

For

Heather Chandler

Self

Waxahachie, TX

Increased transparency in attempt to control inflation and fraud.

Richard McKenzie

self - retired fixed income derivatives trader

Austin, TX

I support HB 1973. Texas medical providers should be indifferent to whom is paying for medical goods or services and should not be permitted to charge different entities different amounts for having provided a medical good or a service.

Specifically, individuals should not be forced to pay arbitrarily higher prices than insurance companies are required to pay in order to fully discharge a debt for medical goods and services.

HB 1973 requires medical providers to be transparent regarding pricing of their goods and services, which is a good start toward empowering individuals to negotiate medical pricing.