



Chair Garrett and Members of the House Rules Committee:

We, the board of Jackson Care Connect CCO, respectfully request that you vote no on HB 3309.

This legislation started as a tool to punish a single provider in a single CCO and is currently being sold as a "stick" to prevent future legal conflicts in other, specific yet unnamed, regions. The bill, however, would have statewide application of bad public policy. If passed, HB 3309 will undermine the spirit of cooperation and openness that we have cultivated in our community. We believe that our board should be a safe place for open discussion and negotiation, and if members of the board feel that they could be threatened with extreme and financially devastating punishments, that collaboration would be put at risk.

In order to create the best and most coordinated approach to better health for our members and for Jackson County, we do not want to see HB 3309 be enacted into law. This is a petty and unreasonable measure that does nothing to improve the health of our community.

Please vote "no" on HB 3309.