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Chair Greenlick, Vice Chairs Keny-Guyer and Thompson,

OBA supports House Bill 4050.

This prohibition on reinsurance for businesses with 51-100 employees was an inadvertent consequence of the passage of HB 2240 in 2013. Businesses with 51+ employees have been successfully self-insuring for years. It allows them to save money, work closely with their employees to improve wellness and benefit from that improvement, and for many self-insurance gives them a competitive edge in the marketplace.

The legislature should not force businesses to give up something that is working well for them. A very dire unintended consequence for our members would be for businesses to pay more for health insurance, which is what would happen if HB 4050 does not pass.

We urge your support of House Bill 4050. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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