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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: HB4130

Subject: Support HB4130

Dear Senators:

I support this bill. I am a physician, a radiologist, who observed the transition from a quality private practice group to a PE owned group. The quality of care was substantially degraded as a direct consequence of the demands of the PE owners to produce more work product. This demand was the immediate cause of the physicians being unable to properly supervise the performance of examinations, and was the cause of many mistakes in the exam performance, often requiring the exam to be repeated. It also was the cause of many of the radiologists refusing to talk to patients who might have breast cancer, because their performance metrics would not credit them for doing this. Any "efficiencies" claimed by corporations who practice medicine are false efficiencies. The efficiencies appear on corporate reports as increased billings, but the cost of these efficiencies is poorer quality patient care.