

Submitter: Mark Lopatin

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure: HB4130

My name is Mark Lopatin and I am a retired rheumatologist. I am also the author of a book on health care entitled "Rheum for Improvement". In this book, I describe that health care should be a human interaction between a patient and a physician rather than a business transaction between a consumer and a provider. The corporate practice of medicine epitomizes what health care has become to the detriment of patients. Too many times, I have seen health care compromised by those who seek to control the health care dollar whether they be pharmacy benefit managers, insurance companies, private equity investors, etc. Those who are focused on profits rather than patients and/or who have no understanding of what health care should be, too often are dictating how health care is delivered, with minimal if any concern for patients. The end result is the destruction of the patient-physician relationship which is the core of health care. I find that abhorrent!

We must oppose the corporate practice of health care which is why I support this bill so passionately. I would be happy to communicate with any members of your committee to provide more details if they wish. My email is listed above.

Thank you for your consideration.,

Sincerely,

Mark Lopatin MD