

February 13, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Chairman, Senate HELP Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
Ranking Member, Senate HELP Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Sanders,  
and Ranking Member Cassidy:

We write asking you to support the bipartisan [Senate Bill 3548](#), The Health Care PRICE Transparency Act 2.0, introduced by Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders and Committee member Senator Mike Braun. The transparency provisions in this bill will empower employers and unions like ours, which provide coverage to nearly 160 million Americans, to greatly reduce our health plan costs, improve our business competitiveness, and share savings with employees through higher wages and lower premiums.

Currently, employers and unions nationwide are blocked from accessing, auditing or leveraging their own health claims data. The situation is so dire that many [have had to sue](#) their own insurers and third-party administrators (TPAs) to gain access to their own data and fulfill their fiduciary duty.

The Health Care PRICE Transparency Act will, among other priorities, empower us as employers to access our claims data through a daily data transaction set. This data feed acts as a daily receipt for our plan payments to providers, allowing us to confirm that the claim amounts match both the payments by the TPA and the negotiated prices. It will enable the identification and remedy of overcharges and erroneous billing, allowing us to perform the fundamental oversight of our health plan spending. The bill also removes anti-audit and similar obstacles currently rampant in health plan administrator contracts, making it easier for employers to audit and oversee our plan spend effectively.

By building on the existing Transparency in Coverage (TiC) regulation, this bill strengthens consumer access to health plan pricing data with all billing and coding elements, helping us protect our employees from overcharges and assess the value and performance of our plan. Seeing systemwide prices across all plans will empower us to negotiate higher quality, lower cost care, as we do for every other aspect of our supply chains.

This bill also requires disclosure of all hospital pricing data including all negotiated rates and discounted cash prices – not estimates, averages, or percentages. This price disclosure will enable us to identify wide price variation, steer employees to lower priced facilities, and compare our plan’s negotiated prices with others.

Finally, the bill expands price disclosure requirements to laboratories, imaging centers, and ambulatory surgical centers, informing consumers of alternatives to high-priced hospital systems.

On behalf of the over 21 million employees we collectively represent, we ask you to please support the Braun-Sanders Health Care PRICE Transparency Act 2.0 in the reconciliation process. By bringing systemwide transparency and accountability to healthcare, this bill provides employers and unions with the necessary tools to lower our healthcare costs, with no added cost to the government. The significant savings can then be used to increase earnings and wages, ultimately improving competitiveness and stimulating the American economy.

Sincerely,

75 Alliances, Unions and Employers Nationwide

CC: United States Senate

**Alliances**

Alabama Employer Health Consortium  
Dallas-Fort Worth Business Group on Health  
Employers' Advanced Cooperative on Healthcare  
Employers' Forum of Indiana  
Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value  
Greater Philadelphia Business Coalition on Health  
HealthCareTN  
Houston Business Coalition on Health  
Independent Colleges and Universities Benefits Association (ICUBA)  
Kansas Business Group on Health  
Lehigh Valley Business Coalition on Health  
MidAtlantic Business Group on Health  
Midwest Business Group on Health  
Nevada Business Group on Health  
Oklahoma Business Collective on Health  
Rhode Island Business Group on Health  
Texas Business Group on Health  
Texas Employers for Affordable Healthcare  
The Alliance - Midwest  
Washington Health Alliance

**Unions**

32BJ SEIU  
International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 CT  
National Association of Police Organizations  
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association  
Teachers Health Trust

**Employers**

Agra Industries, Wisconsin  
American Licorice, Indiana

Applied Laser Technologies, Wisconsin  
Broadway Metal Works, Virginia  
Conner Insurance, Indiana  
Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc., Pennsylvania  
Curran Group, Illinois  
Dick Myers, Inc., Virginia  
Diversified Industrial Service Company, Texas  
Dupre Logistics, Louisiana  
Dynamic Aviation Inc., Virginia  
Enerquip, Wisconsin  
Faulks Bros Construction, Wisconsin  
Frank Blum Construction, North Carolina  
Glass and Metals Inc., Virginia  
Harman Construction, Inc., Virginia  
Health Rosetta, Washington  
Hospice of Wichita Falls, Texas  
Hyster-Yale, Ohio  
InterChange Group; Inc., Virginia  
Lantz Construction Company, Virginia  
LD&B Insurance & Financial Services, Virginia  
Lincoln National Bank, Kentucky  
Lynch Companies, Wisconsin  
Mayville Engineering Company, Inc., Wisconsin  
Menasha Joint School District, Wisconsin  
Meshoppen Stone, Pennsylvania  
Midwest Carriers, Wisconsin  
Mitchell Metal Products, Wisconsin  
Moose Pharmacy, North Carolina  
Myers Ford Co., Inc., Virginia  
Nolato Contour, Wisconsin  
Nordic Group of Companies, Wisconsin  
Pacific Steel & Recycling, Montana  
Partners Excavating Company, Virginia  
Ponsse North America, Wisconsin  
Railside Enterprises, Inc., Virginia  
Rockingham Cooperative, Virginia  
Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Florida  
SavATree, New York  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Florida  
SFS Tools & Safety, LLC, Virginia  
Shickel Corporation, Virginia  
Synthomer, Ohio  
Team Schierl Companies, Wisconsin  
The Frazier Quarry, Inc., Virginia  
The Weber Group, Wisconsin  
Valley Engineering, PLC, Virginia  
Vero Orthopaedics, Florida  
Walker Forge, Inc., Wisconsin