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To: Senator Bob Duff, Co-Chair of the Banks Committee
Representative William Tong, Co-Chair of the Banks Committee

CC: Senator Scott Frantz, Ranking Member of the Banks Committee
Rep. Mike Alberts, Ranking Member of the Banks Committee

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RE: SB 414 - An Act Concerning Financial Institutions' Consideration of Unpaid Health Care Bills

I write in support in of SB 414 urging the committee to move the bill forward.

During these difficult days many have fallen on hard times -- losing their jobs and healthcare coverage. Further, some of those that are pressed by such challenges are forced to face even more difficult circumstances when they or a family member become ill. We should not add to their burdens by allowing our system to damage their credit scores when paying for their medical expenses takes longer than normal thus making it even more difficult for them to climb out of their circumstances.

For these reasons I urge passage of SB 414.

Sincerely,



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