

**TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 businesses throughout Connecticut and the vast majority of these are small companies employing fewer than 50 people.

CBIA has concerns with Section 1 of SB 479 An Act Concerning the Authority and Duties of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange And Establishing Certain Standards For Certain Stop Loss Insurance Policies.

CBIA is concerned with equal access to the All Payers Claim Database (APCD). CBIA commented on the APCD's draft policies and procedures in September 2013 and at that time also emphasized the need for all stakeholders to have an equal opportunity to utilize the information submitted through the APCD program.

This initiative was established to benefit all stakeholders in the state and is a tool intended to improve quality and cost outcomes in Connecticut. Therefore, it is essential that a level playing field for all stakeholders is maintained and the change in 38a-1091(b)(4) will give the state exchange the discretion to make the data available and further the CEO of the exchange the discretion to determine the form in which the data is available.

Taking into consideration the purpose for the APCD – use by all stakeholders to enhance outcome and decrease cost – the information should be available on an equal playing field.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA's comments