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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Senator Kelly, Representative Sampson, and the entire membership of the Insurance Committee, thank you for your consideration today of *H.B. 6557 - AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DATA REPORTED TO THE CENTERS OF MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES' PHYSICIAN QUALITY REPORTING SYSTEM*. The intent of the bill is to require health care provider to submit health records, in confidentiality, to Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services' Physician Quality Reporting System.

Insurers are requiring providers to share quality assurance information from other insurers. Evaluating outcomes is the direction that healthcare is headed and is the right direction. A measure for this outcome is quality assessment measures. These measures are patient specific, practice specific, physician specific. This is confidential information. Requiring that this information from one insurer has to be shared with others is inappropriate and unnecessary. I firmly believe that every insurer should have its own quality assurance for their providers and patients. The goal of this requirement is not for statistical information and hence providers should not be required to share this information with other insurers that they participate in.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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