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Senator Michele Brooks
Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human
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Room 168, Capitol Building
501 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Senator Art Haywood
Minority Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human
Services
Room 10, East Wing Building
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Representative Dan Frankel
Chair
House Committee on Health
Room 152, Capitol Building
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Representative Kathy Rapp
Minority Chair
House Committee on Health
Room 312, East Wing Building
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RE: Small Business Majority Support for SB752/HB1469, An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for hospital price transparency

Dear Chairs Brooks, Haywood, Frankel, Rapp, and Members of the Committees:

As a representative of Pennsylvania's small business community, Small Business Majority writes today to urge you to pass SB752/HB1469, which would amend the Health Care Facilities Act to enhance hospital price transparency. Passing these bills would ensure that small businesses and their employees could make more informed decisions about their care.

Small Business Majority is a small business organization that empowers diverse entrepreneurs to build a thriving and equitable economy. We engage our network of more than 2,300 small businesses in the state to advocate for public policy solutions and deliver resources to entrepreneurs that promote equitable small business growth.

SB752/HB1469 would mandate hospitals to publicly disclose prices for various services and items, including a comprehensive list of standard charges and a consumer-friendly list of shoppable services. The bill also outlines enforcement measures, including civil penalties for non-compliance, and prohibits collection actions against patients if hospitals fail to comply with transparency requirements. What's more, the bills would require hospitals to notify patients of so-called "facility fees," extra fees often not covered by insurance, and to report on how often patients are charged these fees.

This is a needed measure to ensure small businesses have as much access to transparent care as possible. Without it, small businesses and their employees cannot make informed decisions about their cost of care. Spending too much time trying to understand opaque hospital bills impedes an entrepreneur's ability to effectively run their business.

Entrepreneurs are already dealing with the crushing reality of skyrocketing healthcare costs, and our [survey](#) indicated that 54% of small businesses believe hospitals are responsible for recent healthcare cost increases. As it is, increasing healthcare premiums are considered a significant financial burden to [47% of small businesses](#), underscoring the need to make impactful changes to address cost and strengthen transparency.

This legislation would be a significant step forward to protect small businesses from surprise billing that inevitably impacts their bottom lines. We urge you to vote yes on SB752/HB1469 to protect small businesses across the state.

Sincerely,

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