



Chairwoman Virginia Scott (R-NC)
Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA)
House Committee on Education and The Workforce

Dear Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member Scott,

On behalf of Better Solutions for Healthcare, we want to thank you for introducing and advancing H.R. 4509, the Transparency in Billing Act. Better Solutions for Health Care strongly supports your bipartisan legislation to protect consumers from dishonest billing by corporate hospital systems. [Better Solutions for Healthcare](#) is a coalition of leading business and healthcare organizations, including national employer groups, including American Benefits Council, National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable, Business Group on Health, and hundreds of local and state business leaders.

The coalition formed out of shared concerns over the escalating cost of providing healthcare coverage, which continues to serve as a primary concern of business owners year after year. Since 2015, U.S. hospital prices have increased four times faster than workers' paychecks^[1]. Hospital services now represent the largest share of total healthcare spending, accounting for 44% of total spending for privately-insured Americans^[2]. As you know, eliminating hospital dishonest billing practices would protect employers, employees, and their families from abusive billing practices and provide welcome relief from the ever-growing burden of healthcare costs.

As a coalition dedicated to educating the public on the role corporate health systems play in driving America's healthcare cost crisis, we strongly support the legislation your committee is advancing as a way to protect patients and ensure fair billing practices.

During this time of economic insecurity, America's business community would benefit greatly from lower healthcare costs. The Better Solutions for Healthcare coalition appreciates your leadership and work to advance this critical legislation to end dishonest billing to help address the continued rise of hospital prices, the top driver behind rising healthcare costs. We stand ready to assist you and we will continue to be vocal supporters of the Transparency in Billing Act.

Sincerely,
Better Solutions for Healthcare

[1]https://familiesusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/People-First-Care_Role-of-Hospitals.pdf

[2]<https://www.rand.org/news/press/2020/09/18.html>