

**My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0404, Hospitals – Financial Assistance – Medical Bill Reimbursement Process.**

I approach the aims of this bill from my Jewish religious belief's framework. Psalm 41:1 - Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers him; Psalm 72:12 - For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. This view of how we should and must deal with our neighbors struggling with medical bills they should not have received should be the principle for a favorable report on this bill.

It is also a fact that we have documented cases in which bills were rendered incorrectly for those persons who should not be receiving those notices. Health care should and must be a human right. This bill seeks to mandate making proper restitution to anyone affected by overbilling of hospital charges when such care was not due for billing due to the patients financial condition.

This bill addresses a commonsense approach to correcting this situation and restoring to persons needing these refunds those ineligible charges they incurred. **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0404.**