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Dear Commissioner Kuderer,

I hope you're doing well. My name is Travis Fontaine D.C., M.S, and I'm a healthcare provider here in Washington. I'm reaching out because I have some concerns about how the FAIR Health Database could be used and how it ties into Bill R 2025-05.

I understand that the goal is to create a fair and standardized way to handle reimbursement, but from what I've seen in practice, the FAIR Health Database doesn't reflect the realities of providing care here on the ground, especially for smaller clinics and providers working in underserved communities. The data often seems out of sync with local costs and doesn't consider the unique needs of our patients or the level of care we provide. My fear is that there will be costs put on the patients when they are already dealing with a challenging circumstance in their lives.

What worries me most is that if Bill R 2025-05 passes as it's currently written, it could make it even harder for providers like myself to continue offering care to those who need it most. This approach might unintentionally reduce access to essential care, not because providers aren't willing, but because it becomes financially unsustainable to keep going.

I'm proud to serve my community, and I know many of my colleagues feel the same. We want to work with policymakers like you to find reimbursement models that are both fair and practical. Ones that protect patient access and support the people providing that care.

Thank you for taking the time to hear these concerns. I really appreciate your service to our state and your support of both patients and healthcare providers.

Warm Regards,

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