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Dear Legislators,

Day to day, my line of work requires that I have to talk and help families, students, and community members. Moreover, I went to graduate school for Health and Biopharmaceutical economics at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. I mentioned to you these facts from my life to set a background of why my opinion about Centennial Care 2.0 has a value beyond a testimonial.

When developing policies for health related issues, you have to be aware of the impact in behavioral economics that this specific policy will have in the population that uses the service. In this case, my concern relies in the economic burden that 3 months of retroactive dues for medical bills could cause in our impoverished population due to the phasing out period.

On the other hand, there are other ways to increase funding for the public health care system without jeopardizing the economic status of our most needed population. For example, getting procurement contracts with life insurance companies that have long term Care programs. By adopting this proposal, the overall cost per person could decrease because the insurance will be able to cover the highest risk patients with chronic and severe conditions such as cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, etc. The idea is that by merging risks the total pool of members divide efficiently the cost. Also, there is another saving tip: open urgent Care at public hospitals on weekends to avoid excessive cost in emergency services during those days.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Best regards,

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