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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/30/2024 12:02 AM</b>	
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRIS LONG</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-680-9175</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>ST. LOUIS AREA BUSINESS HEALTH COALITION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>1319 FRIENDSHIP RD</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>ELIAS TSAPELAS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>SHOW ME INSTITUTE</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>5927 WASHINGTON PLACE</b>		
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACOB MAERLI</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: <b>AMERICAN ACTION FUND</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>1070 W 7TH</b>		
CITY: <b>WASHINGTON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
		ZIP: <b>63090</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JAMES HARRIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-761-7875</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>CICERO ACTION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>122 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 200</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JIM GWINNER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-791-2774</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI CENTURY FOUNDATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>233 HERWORTH DR</b>			
CITY: <b>CLARKSON VALLEY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63005</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>LINDA RAGSDALE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>PATRICK NEVILLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BRENT HEMPHILL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MOSAIC LIFE CARE/BJC</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>P.O. BOX 156</b>			
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHI HARNESS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-5200</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>ST. LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 2302</b>			
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WITNESS NAME: <b>OLIVIA WILSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: <b>UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HEALTHCARE</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>217 E. CAPITOL</b>		
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ROB MONSEES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-999-9652</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 60</b>		
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WITNESS NAME: <b>WILL MARRS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-848-8561</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MERCY</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>211 E CAPITOL AVE</b>		
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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EMAIL: <b>govservicesjcmo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/30/2024 1:37 PM</b>

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**Mercy opposes this bill as it is currently written. Our organization strives to stay in constant compliance with CMS pricing transparency regulations, and so far has had little issue doing so. "Material compliance" and other language contained within this bill is generalized and could lead to unnecessary litigation over unclear verbiage. We strive to provide the best customer care possible including working with patients who would have difficulty covering their portion of healthcare costs and feel that this adds undue administrative burden on our hospital staff when we do not have regular pricing transparency compliance issues, as we would be notified by CMS.**