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**Statement of Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans  
on Joint Committee on Health Care Financing Hearing regarding Governor Baker's Health Care  
Bill  
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The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans is pleased to testify at today's Joint Committee on Health Care Financing in support of Governor Baker's health care bill, *Senate Bill 2774, An Act investing in the future of our health.*

MAHP member plans place a high priority on ensuring access to primary care and behavioral health services, which are the backbone of our healthcare system. We support the bill's investments in primary care and behavioral health within the confines of the state's cost growth benchmark.

We also strongly support provisions of the bill which take steps to address the rising cost of prescription drugs and increase transparency and accountability for drug manufacturers, as well as those provisions that protect consumers from surprise billing and facility fees.

We applaud the Governor for his efforts on this important piece of legislation and we look forward to working with him and his administration to preserve access, improve care quality and value, and contain costs for employers and Massachusetts residents.

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