



**SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**January 21, 2020**

**SB 687 FN - Relative to Transparency in Prescription Drug Pricing and Establishing a New  
Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board**

**Testimony**

Good afternoon, Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Paula Minnehan, Senior VP, State Government Relations with the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), representing all 26 of the state's community hospitals as well as all specialty hospitals.

The NHHA is neutral on the majority of SB 687-FN but we do have one specific concern with the bill. Specifically, we are concerned about the Section 126-BB:8 (c) (1) Funding; Assessment of Fees. On Page 7, line 16, nonprofit hospitals and medical service organizations would be assessed. This amounts to a tax on hospitals and we cannot support this assessment mechanism to fund this program.

We would ask that, if you choose to pass this bill, that the assessment to non-profit hospitals be removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. I am happy to answer any questions.