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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB605

I strongly oppose SB 605. Patients already have ample opportunities to avoid bad debt, including payment plans, financial assistance applications offered before checkin and re-checked before any debt is sent to collections, plus screening for OHP

eligibility. This bill removes all incentive for patients to pay by shielding credit scores, deliberately undermining hospitals' ability to collect for services rendered. It's a direct attack on the hospital care framework, threatening its sustainability. Reject SB 605 and preserve accountability, not handouts.