

**Testimony In Support Of House Bill 5146: Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies**

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

My name is Jenna Karlin. I am writing in support of House Bill 5146. You will save and extend the lives of your constituents when you vote yes to limit the monthly out of pocket cost for these essential medications to \$100.

AARP recently issued a report that exposes that the prices for cancer treating specialty drugs keep skyrocketing. The 2017 average annual price for just one of these medications was \$78,781 – more than three times the median income for Medicare beneficiaries. You have the power to ensure that no Rhode Islander has to choose between life extending medication and housing or food.

We are all counting on you to support this essential bill.

Thank you,  
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