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Subject: Testimony In Support of H5068

To the House Committee on Corporations,

I am writing in support of House bill 5068, the Serious Illness Protection Plan. This bill would help sick Rhode Islanders afford their utilities and to allow a physician to determine the length of a patients' illness instead of the public utilities commission.

SIPP would protect utility customers in Rhode Island who are medically vulnerable and would allow medical professionals to determine the length of utility protections based on medical conditions. How would a utility company know anything about how sick or able bodied someone is? Why would they get to make the call about what kind of help someone needs? Connecticut, Massachussetts, and New Hampshire already have these kinds of protections and we need to give vulnerable Rhode Islanders with medical conditions the same level of utility protections as other states in New England.

Please support H5068 and protect medically vulnerable Rhode Islanders. Thank you.

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