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Good Morning,

My name is Cheryl Farrey and I was the Director of Patient Financial Services at Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich Ct. I started out as the Manager in 1989 and became Director 5 years later and I am in support of H 7623.

During my time in healthcare prior authorizations became required for many services including prescriptions. Prior authorizations required the hospital to hire staff and create a department to obtain authorizations, to advise the patient that an authorization was either approved or denied and if denied then others were hired to fight the usually overturned denial. I am speaking of all prior authorizations required from the hospital, Greenwich Hospital hired one person strictly for prescriptions, mostly for cancer fighting drugs.

The result was time and money wasted by both doctors and hospitals which raised the cost of healthcare and the stress of patients which is why I am supporting the bill

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