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Chairwoman Donovan:

I am wholeheartedly in favor of House Bill 5218 because I am a long-time wearer of hearing aids (since high school), due to significant hearing loss. The House Bill increases the insurance coverage to \$1750 per ear and will help many seniors on fixed income. Most hearing aids now are priced at \$4000 per ear.

Most seniors have significant hearing loss which can lead to social isolation and eventual depression. Hearing aids can prevent this from happening. Over-the-counter hearing devices (priced from \$69 to \$500) are only good for persons with mild hearing loss.

Thank you for your consideration.

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