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Dear Steven Sepe,

I am writing to express my strong support for HOUSE BILL H7537, which would require insurance coverage for scalp cooling treatment for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

My 23-year-old niece was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. At such a young age, she is facing challenges that no one her age should have to endure. In addition to the physical toll of chemotherapy, the emotional impact of treatment—especially hair loss—can be devastating. For many patients, losing their hair is a constant, visible reminder of their illness and can deeply affect their sense of identity, dignity, and privacy.

Scalp cooling treatment offers patients an opportunity to reduce chemotherapy-related hair loss. While it does not change the course of the disease, it can significantly ease the emotional burden during an already overwhelming time. Preserving one's hair can help maintain a sense of normalcy, confidence, and control when so much else feels uncertain.

Unfortunately, this treatment often comes with a significant out-of-pocket cost. Families already coping with medical bills, time away from work, and the stress of a cancer diagnosis should not have to shoulder an additional financial burden for a treatment that provides meaningful emotional and psychological support.

Requiring insurance coverage for scalp cooling would make this option accessible to more patients and ensure that support is not limited only to those who can afford it. It is a compassionate and practical step toward improving quality of life for individuals undergoing chemotherapy.

I respectfully urge you to support HOUSE BILL H7537.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Christine Morelli-Imbriglio