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### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H7537 to provide coverage and access to scalp cooling treatment for patients undergoing chemotherapy. This treatment is not cosmetic; it is a significant element of comprehensive cancer care that helps preserve dignity, emotional well-being, and a sense of normalcy during an unimaginably difficult time. Scalp cooling helps to produce hair loss by constricting blood vessels in the scalp and reducing the amount of chemotherapy drugs that reach the hair follicles. Our close friends' 23-year-old daughter was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and has been undergoing intensive treatment, all while living in a different state than her family. She is a young nurse who has dedicated herself to caring for others and now finds herself fighting a life-altering illness at an age when she should be building and planning for her future; I note that she and her family have been fighting this battle with dignity, grace, and humility. Her parents are both public servants—her father a police officer and her mother a corrections professional—who have spent their careers serving and protecting our community and vulnerable populations. This family has always shown up for others; now they have been dealing with the emotional and financial strain that comes with a cancer diagnosis. Scalp cooling offers patients the ability to maintain some control and normalcy at a time when so much feels out of control. Hair loss can be one of the most visible and traumatic side effects of chemotherapy, especially for young patients. For families already carrying the burden of medical bills, travel for treatment, and lost income, the out-of-pocket cost of scalp cooling can be detrimental. Insurance based coverage would remove a significant barrier and ensure that this supportive therapy is available based on medical need, especially as the success rates are significant. I respectfully urge you to consider the profound impact that scalp cooling can have on patients' quality of life, their mental health, and their motivation to battle a powerful, frightening illness. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McDonough