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Dear Representative Susan R. Donovan and Honorable Members of the Health & Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 7537 and respectfully urge the Committee to report it favorably.

This legislation would require insurance companies to cover scalp cooling treatment for patients undergoing chemotherapy. Hair loss during treatment is not simply cosmetic, it can significantly affect a patient's dignity, privacy, emotional health, and ability to maintain a sense of normalcy during an already overwhelming time.

Although scalp cooling has been shown to reduce chemotherapy-induced hair loss, many patients face substantial out-of-pocket costs, creating inequitable access to this supportive care. No one undergoing cancer treatment should be denied this option because of financial barriers. Requiring insurance coverage would promote fairness, compassion, and patient-centered care.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of our state.

Sincerely,
Mayor Maria Rivera
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