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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Rhode Island Senate Bill S-2455.

As someone who works closely with patients navigating complex treatment journeys, I have seen firsthand the physical and emotional impact that cancer treatment can have. While much of the focus is rightly placed on clinical outcomes, the side effects of treatment—particularly those that affect a patient’s sense of identity and well-being—are often overlooked.

S-2455 addresses this in a meaningful and practical way through coverage of scalp cooling systems. As defined in the bill, scalp cooling systems are medical devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and designed to cool the human scalp to prevent or reduce chemotherapy-induced or related alopecia before, during, and/or after chemotherapy administration. These systems offer patients an opportunity to mitigate one of the most visible and distressing side effects of cancer treatment.

Hair loss during chemotherapy is not simply cosmetic—it can be deeply tied to a patient’s sense of self, privacy, and dignity. For many, it is the most outward sign of illness. Providing access to scalp cooling systems helps patients maintain a sense of normalcy during an otherwise very difficult time.

From a broader healthcare perspective, supporting patients holistically—both clinically and emotionally—can improve engagement in care and overall treatment adherence. When patients feel supported, they are more likely to continue and complete treatment as prescribed.

I believe Senate Bill S-2455 represents a thoughtful and compassionate step forward in supporting Rhode Islanders undergoing cancer treatment. I respectfully urge the Committee to support its passage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Anne Donovan
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