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Good Afternoon Senators,

I am writing to express my support of Senate Bill S2455. I am a breast cancer survivor. I was diagnosed in late 2023. After my diagnosis I learned that statistically 1 in 8 woman get diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. When I was first diagnosed I felt like a whirlwind of doctors appointments and learning about the staging and aggressiveness of my cancer and what treatments I would need. One of the many treatments I needed was chemotherapy. Chemotherapy for breast cancer patients often results in hair loss. Now many people may think “it’s just hair” “it will grow back”. I do not think anyone would consider me a particularly vain person but for me, and what I learned for so many cancer patients is it’s not “just hair”. Losing your hair is symbolic of so much more. It symbolizes that you have a life threatening disease before you have really had the chance to come to terms with it yourself, let alone share the fact that you have cancer with others.

Enter cold capping. Cold capping allows you to retain some of and sometimes all or most of your hair and helps to protect the hair follicles so that the hair that you might lose can come back. I cold capped. I had to pay for it out of pocket. I was “lucky” to be able to afford it. While I still lost about 25- 30% of my hair it did allow me to be able to wear hats and baseball caps without anyone realizing that I was going through cancer treatment because I still had enough of the side and back of my hair that with a hat it seem like I still had hair even though I was nearly completely bald on top. I could wear a wig and mix in my natural hair. I can’t imagine if I hadn’t cold capped and had lost all my hair and had to wear a wig every single day even in the hot summer months or wear a head covering that identified me as a cancer patient when I wasn’t ready to let the world know, what that would have done to my psychological well being. How much more I would have felt cancer had taken away from me. And that is why I implore you to vote Senate Bill S2455 out of committee as soon as possible so that it can be heard on the full senate floor and hopefully all cancer patients that may benefit from cold capping will benefit from it without concern as to whether they can bear the financial burden of it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and also in considering this very important bill.
Respectfully ,
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