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Dear Members of the Rhode Island Senate Committee,

When I was diagnosed with cancer at 36, my first thoughts were fear and uncertainty—I even had to ask myself if I was going to die. Alongside that, as a single woman, I worried about losing my hair. My doctor explained that chemotherapy would likely cause complete hair loss, but also introduced me to an option called cold capping through Paxman. While not guaranteed, it offered hope at a time when I desperately needed it.

With the help of a grant that covered most of the cost and a dedicated support team, I committed to the process. After six months of chemotherapy, I was able to retain about 40% of my hair and never went fully bald. This made an enormous difference in my emotional well-being. Feeling sick is one thing—but looking sick is another. Cold capping helped me maintain a sense of normalcy, confidence, and dignity during one of the hardest times in my life.

I urge you to consider alleviating the financial burden associated with cold capping so that more patients can access this meaningful support. It is not just about hair—it is about preserving identity, confidence, and emotional strength during cancer treatment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lianna Lombardo