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Chair, Senate Health & Human Services Committee  
and Honorable Committee Members

Rhode Island State House

Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for Bill S2455

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Health & Human Services  
Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill S2455, which would require insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

This legislation addresses a critical but often overlooked aspect of cancer treatment: the emotional and psychological impact of chemotherapy-induced hair loss. Scalp cooling systems are FDA-approved and have been shown to significantly reduce hair loss during chemotherapy, allowing patients to maintain a sense of dignity, privacy, and normalcy during an incredibly difficult time.

While hair loss is sometimes dismissed as a cosmetic concern, for many patients it carries profound emotional consequences. The ability to preserve one's hair can reduce anxiety, improve self-esteem, and help individuals maintain control over how and when they share their diagnosis with others. These benefits are an important part of comprehensive, patient-centered cancer care.

Currently, the cost of scalp cooling systems places them out of reach for many Rhode Islanders. By requiring insurance coverage, Bill S2455 would eliminate this financial barrier and ensure equitable access for all patients, regardless of income. This is a meaningful step toward fairness in our healthcare system.

Bill S2455 also aligns with broader efforts to improve quality of life for individuals undergoing serious medical treatment. Cancer care should not only focus on survival, but also on supporting the overall well-being of patients throughout their journey.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support and advance Bill S2455. Your leadership on this issue will make a tangible difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders facing cancer treatment.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Linda Amado