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Senate Committee on Health and human services
RI State house
Providence,RI.

RE: Support for [bill # S-2455 – Insurance Coverage for Scalp Cooling
Dear Members ,

I am writing to you as a constituent and an advocate to strongly urge your support for bill number S-2455. This crucial legislation would mandate that health insurers providing coverage for chemotherapy also cover FDA-cleared scalp cooling systems to reduce chemotherapy-induced hair loss. Hair loss is widely considered one of the most traumatic side effects of chemotherapy, often causing severe emotional distress, depression, and anxiety. While often dismissed as "cosmetic," for many patients, losing their hair means losing their sense of identity, privacy, and normalcy during an already traumatizing experience.

Why this bill is necessary:

- **Medical Efficacy:** Scalp cooling is a proven medical intervention that reduces chemotherapy-induced alopecia, helping patients maintain quality of life and dignity.
- **Financial Inequity:** Currently, insurance rarely covers this service, forcing patients to pay \$1,500–\$3,000 out-of-pocket per round of chemotherapy.
- **Empowerment:** This bill ensures that access to scalp cooling is based on clinical need, not a patient's financial ability.

I believe that comprehensive cancer care should include options that protect a patient's mental health. No one should have to choose between financial stability and the ability to maintain their dignity during treatment. Please support bill # S-2455 to provide compassionate care for cancer patients in our community.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,
Maggie Picot