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I am writing to respectfully urge you to support **S-2455** which would require insurance companies to provide coverage for scalp-cooling treatments for patients undergoing chemotherapy. I personally know many family and friends who had chemo and lost their hair. If health insurance covers weight-loss injections, it seems reasonable to allow individuals facing major health crises to maintain their hair throughout treatment.

Scalp cooling is a medically recognized supportive therapy that helps reduce chemotherapy-induced hair loss—a side effect that can be deeply traumatic for patients already facing the physical and emotional challenges of cancer treatment. Preserving one's hair is not a matter of vanity; it is a matter of dignity, identity, and emotional well-being. Research has also shown that protecting a patient's sense of normalcy can support mental health and treatment adherence.

Today, many individuals who could benefit from scalp cooling cannot access it because insurance companies do not cover it. As a result, families already burdened with the financial strain of cancer care are forced to pay out-of-pocket or forego the option entirely. No patient should face an additional financial barrier simply to maintain dignity during one of the most vulnerable periods of their life.

By supporting H7537, you can help ensure equitable access to this important therapy and ease the emotional and financial burden on Rhode Island cancer patients and their families.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,
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