



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

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The Hon. Melissa Murray
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
82 Smith Street, Room Senate Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for S2455: An Act Relating To General Assembly -- Joint Committee On
Legislative Services

Dear Chair Murray:

I write to you in enthusiastic support for S2455: An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies. This bill mandates insurance coverage for scalp cooling treatments for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy to prevent hair loss during chemotherapy treatments.

Hair loss presents both physical and emotional challenges to patients during chemotherapy. The MD Anderson's Ambulatory Treatment and Clinical and Translational Research Center found that scalp cooling may reduce the amount of hair lost during chemotherapy by about 50%. This important technology helps restore dignity and emotional wellness in patients undergoing extensive and often painful treatments for their cancer.

By mandating insurance coverage, we ensure that patients are able to get the help they need without worry of exorbitant out-of-pocket expenses. I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Senator Matthew LaMountain