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Ways and Means

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Good afternoon chairwoman Atterbeary and committee. I am Cindy Carter Co -Founder of Critical Medical Needs Program and Executive Director of Cancer Support Foundation. I am here today in support of HB 364 Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices – Exemption.

For over 17 years, through my work with Cancer Support Foundation and the Critical Medical Needs Program, I have assisted, families dealing with cancer as well as families dealing with all types of medical challenges with a variety of everyday issues. Many of these families have to purchase medical devices from the most basic of a thermometer to items that are quite expensive. These items are not covered by insurance.

The cost of medicines, medical devices, special foods, supplements etc are a real added costs that in many cases hinder our clients from being able to keep their lights and heat on. Exempting some of these items from sales tax would help these families.

As a four-time caregiver, I am very aware of all the medical devices that are needed while someone is dealing with a medical challenge. Clean the house out of someone who has been dealing with medical challenges and you will see all of the devices that are required in a medical journey. Sales tax exemption will help to get these families some relief.



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We support HB364 to exempt medical devices from sales tax. I hope this bill can start the discussion of the overwhelming costs that families have when they are dealing with health issues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cindy Carter

Co-Founder Critical Medical Needs Program

Executive Director

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