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Maryland General Assembly
Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB1187: Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage

Dear Delegates,

We support and respectfully request that you vote favorably on this bill.

I have not experienced the trauma and agonizing side-effects of cancer treatments, but my daughter-in-law has.

Hair loss is one of the most visible and embarrassing side-effects of treatments. It further creates a degradation of person's identity, and is a visible reminder of their condition.

As a Life-Wellness coach, that works primarily on the emotions associated with the dramas and traumas of life, I know how negative thoughts and emotions affect, not only the biology of our bodies, but the emotional states as well. A person that loses their hair may feel a tremendous sense of loss. They may be angry and disappointed at how they look. This does not help their overall state of mind and being which can add to their distress.

Measures like this can go a long way to helping those under treatment maintain a sense of dignity and pride in themselves, which can ultimately support their recovery process.

This bill PUTS MARYLANDERS FIRST.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers