

Committee: Finance

Bill Number: SB 78 – Public Health – Prostate Specific Antigen Testing (Protect our Prostate Act)

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Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Finance Committee:

Good afternoon. My name is Leroy Finch Jr, and in February 2023, at the age of 50, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. It started with a routine PSA test, which revealed higher-than-normal levels for my age. After a biopsy, it was confirmed that I did, in fact, have prostate cancer. Naturally, I was anxious, but my doctor took his time to thoroughly explain the results and helped me understand all my options. This support was crucial as I navigated my next steps.

Together, we discussed several treatment paths, weighing the benefits and risks of each. Ultimately, I chose Active Surveillance, and I am currently getting my PSA levels checked every six months along with an MRI or biopsy every few years, as needed. So far, my cancer has remained confined to a small area within one section of my prostate. If this remains the case, I will continue with Active Surveillance, knowing that my condition is closely monitored.

I am grateful to have a range of options and the ongoing monitoring that allows me to reevaluate my treatment plan every six months. This approach has given me some comfort, knowing that if anything changes, I can quickly address those changes with my doctor.

I fully support this bill because I believe it will help standardize discussions about prostate cancer, PSA screenings, and treatment options. I also believe this bill will ensure that others receive the same thoughtful guidance and care that I did. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Leroy Finch Jr.

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