



## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0272/HB0393**

**Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage**

**FAVORABLE**

**TO: Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall, Vice Chair Delegate Bonnie Cullison and members of the House Health Committee**

**FROM: Lynn Mortoro, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)**

**DATE: March 26, 2026**

**Dear Chair Delegate Bagnall, Vice Chair Bonnie Cullison and all members of the House Health Committee**

Thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of this bill.

I am a retired registered nurse and for the last 12 years of my working, I was in an oncology clinic. I am also a member of the Episcopal Church.

My job was to support women (and men) during their chemotherapy. This included many pieces, but one of the most important was emotional support as they dealt with many of the side effects, hair loss for some was one of the most devastating. The Episcopal Church General Convention further urges Episcopalians to advocate for addressing the specific health care needs of women and girls. This statement is applicable here because most of the concern is with women and hair loss.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a /FAVORABLE report**

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