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**Testimony in support of Senate Bill 50, AN ACT CONCERNING ORAL
CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS**

Senator Crisco, Representative Fontana and members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Danowski and I am a registered nurse who has worked for many years as a nursing leader in an acute care hospital. In my position, I have heard many stories about patients who have struggled to afford the oral chemotherapy agents they need to treat their cancer. Unfortunately, there are instances where oral agents are the best or only option for a particular patient but the patient is made to pay more out of their own pocket simply because it is not an intravenous or injectable product.

I have witnessed countless patients who struggle everyday to battle this frightening disease. In addition to facing the physical and emotional challenges, there are often financial burdens which impact patients and their families. The inequity of coverage for oral chemotherapeutic agents is simply not logical.

It is for these reasons that I urge members of the committee to vote in favor of Senate Bill 50 which would provide greater coverage and access for chemotherapy agents regardless of how they are taken by the patient.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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