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Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Room 2800, Legislative Office Building
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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for **SB #50, AN ACT CONCERNING ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS.**

This bill is crucial and fair, in requiring insurance companies to pay for cancer chemotherapy drugs *equally* whether they are *oral* or intravenous medications. Currently, patients have to pay huge amounts of money to purchase oral chemotherapy agents (many thousands of dollars per month, in many cases), even though they require fewer resources than intravenously administered chemotherapy agents (IV administration, time in medical facility, staff, equipment, etc.). My mother, who recently died from breast cancer, spent countless hours completing applications to various pharmaceutical companies to receive subsidies for her oral medications, which would have otherwise been prohibitive. This added unnecessary stress to an already stressful situation, when she needed all her resources to focus on healing. For some, they have to choose not to take these life-saving drugs due to the cost; or they have to sacrifice other necessities in order to afford the drugs. This is terribly wrong. Proposed Senate Bill # 50 seeks to right that wrong. Please support it!

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue.
Looking forward to hearing from you on this.

Sincerely,


