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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Senator Kelly, Representative Sampson and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 195, An Act Requiring the Payment of Certain Parking Fees by Insurance Companies.

Connecticut families invest a great deal in medical insurance. The costs may be high, but we assume that if we buy insurance we will be able to afford medical care when we need it most. Unfortunately, that assumption is not always true.

When you need serious medical care, there are also unforeseen costs that insurance does not cover.

I have recently heard multiple stories from individuals struggling to pay these unforeseen fees. Parking fees, in particular, can be an extreme burden on families. When you or a family member has a condition that requires constant medical care, and you have to make many visits to doctors and hospitals for extended periods of time, parking fees can add up fast.

I strongly believe that if parking fees related to doctor and hospital visits total more than \$150 per year, you should be able to seek reimbursement from insurance companies for these costs.

Health insurance is designed to cover medical procedures. If you have no choice but to pay for parking in order to get a medical procedure, I believe insurance should consider that fee as part of the procedure, and reimburse you for excessive fees.

Parking fees over \$150 per year are overly burdensome. We have an obligation to protect Connecticut's insured population from healthcare cost burdens. When you make the investment in health insurance, you deserve to have access to truly affordable care. If parking fees become a barrier to accessing that care, we have a problem.

We owe it to every insured family to implement SB195. Thank you for raising this bill and for the opportunity to testify today.