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**Insurance and Real Estate Committee**  
**Public Hearing March 10, 2016**

**RE: HB 5517 AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

Good afternoon Co-Chairs, Senator Crisco and Representative Megna, and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Thank you for raising HB 5517 An Act Concerning Cost-Sharing For Prescription Drugs.

The purpose of this bill is to contains the costs of coinsurance, copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs.

Cost-sharing ultimately leads to lower utilization of health-care services – including essential services and life-saving treatments. In some cases, cost-sharing deters individuals from the treatment prescribed by their physicians. This is truly unfortunate and can be avoided by implementing restrictions - allowing our seniors and younger beneficiaries with disabilities to afford these critical treatments.

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak with you on HB 5517 and I hope after today, you will continue to support this bill.