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

**RE: SB 374 AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH INSURERS FROM RESTRICTING OR REDUCING COVERED BENEFITS FOR INSURED DIAGNOSED WITH A TERMINAL CONDITION.**

Good afternoon Co-Chairs, Senator Crisco and Representative Megna, and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Thank you for raising SB 374, An Act Prohibiting Health Insurers From Restricting Or Reducing Covered Benefits For Insureds Diagnosed With A Terminal Condition.

The bill before would limit the ability of insurance companies to reduce or cancel members' benefits in the event of a diagnosis of a terminal illness. Such restrictions are necessary to ensure the continuity of quality medical care through the sustained access to services, treatments, and prescriptions drugs that are medically appropriate and consistent with best practices.

I truly thank you for allowing me to speak with you on SB 374. This is a very important bill and I respectfully urge you to support this bill.