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To: Chairman Leonard, Members of the House Insurance Committee

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Re: Support of Senate Bill 150

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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on Senate Bill 150. My name is Andrew Schepers, and I am the Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in Michigan.

Senate Bill 150 tackles an issue that many cancer patients and care givers have been struggling with for years. Providing medication syncing removes one major hurdle for those facing many in their lives. Cancer diagnoses quite often require multiple prescriptions, not only to deal with chronic conditions, but also to help manage pain and other uncomfortable side effects related to treatment. Medication synchronization could be a critical tool in improving the quality of life for cancer patients by streamlining this process into one monthly pharmacy visit. Care givers, family members, and others struggle to balance providing quality care and assistance to those fighting one of the deadliest diseases, while ensuring cancer patients' prescriptions are filled when they need to be.

This legislation allows cancer patients to have all of their lifesaving medications filled with just one visit to the pharmacy. It removes the burden of forcing cancer patients to make several visits to refill medication, which takes them away from doctor appointments and much-needed recovery time from treatment.

We applaud Senator O'Brien for introducing this legislation and bringing this issue to the forefront. We ask for your support today of this crucial piece of legislation that would make the lives of those struggling with cancer and those providing care at home just a little bit easier, at a time when easier means a lot.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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