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Senator Dietrich
Chair, Financial Institutions and Insurance

RE: SB 330 – Letter of Support

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 330. I am Megan Word, Government Relations Director with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society advocating for evidence-based public policies to reduce the cancer burden for everyone. On behalf of our constituents, many of whom have been personally affected by cancer, we urge your support of SB 330.

ACS CAN supports guardrails around prior authorization and appreciates legislative proposals that make these processes more efficient and timely. An ACS CAN survey found that one in three cancer patients and caregivers of cancer patients report experiencing delays in their or their loved one's cancer care because their physician was waiting on approval from their health insurance plan for a cancer treatment, test, or prescription medicine. Majorities of physicians also reported delays in their patients' cancer care are happening frequently because of having to wait for approval from their patients' health insurance plans.

ACS CAN has been concerned about the increase in use of prior authorization and its impact on cancer patients. Given the complexity of cancer care, treatments and services are often subject to prior authorization requirements. However, if not conducted appropriately, prior authorization can hinder access to medically necessary care. We support legislation that requires prior authorization decisions be made as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 72 hours for non-urgent and 24 hours for urgent requests. We also support efforts to standardize prior authorization processes and increase transparency.

ACS CAN supports the SB 330 intent to standardize and strengthen the timeframes by which payers should respond to prior authorization request. We believe these timeframes will provide patients and providers with more timely determinations. Thank you for the time today and for your consideration.

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