

Good Afternoon Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I wanted to send a quick update and additional information on S. 154, and biomarker testing. As you know, S. 154 was amended by the Senate to become an actuarial study of the costs and impacts of expanding access to biomarker testing to residents that are enrolled in state regulated health plans, public health plans (Medicaid), as well as state employee health plans . At the House hearing, Commissioner Block suggested that her department would require \$10,000 in additional funding to complete the study; the Department of Health testified that they could complete the study under existing contracts. **As a result of that testimony, the Senate included \$25,000 in their version of the state budget to accomplish the goals of S. 154.**

In light of this new information, our coalition would respectfully ask that you please support S. 154, and vote it out of the committee ought to pass, at your earliest convenience.

I have also included a few attachments for your reference on the importance of biomarker testing once a cancer diagnosis is determined and how biomarker testing may offset costs by avoiding unnecessary treatments and surgeries.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and please feel free to reach out should you have any questions,

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