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***TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF: HB 6937 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE  
FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY CHILDREN'S DIAPERS***

Senator Lesser, Rep. Gilchrest, Senator Harding, Rep. Case, and members of the Human Services Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 6937 An Act Concerning Medicaid Coverage for Medically Necessary Children's Diapers. This bill plays a key role in improving the health and well-being of babies across Connecticut by providing access to diapers to families who need it most.

Throughout 2023 and 2024, my office convened a "Healthcare Cabinet," which brought key policymakers, stakeholders, practitioners, and advocates together to discuss healthcare challenges facing various demographic populations across Connecticut. The cabinet was made up of subcommittees based on those population groups who sought solutions to these challenges, which include potential legislation or restructuring current efforts.

Expanding Medicaid coverage to provide clean diapers was a priority of the Women's Subcommittee. Having sustainable access to diapers is crucial as they decrease potential health risks for both mother and baby.

Diapers are medically necessary for the health and wellbeing of children in our state. This bill would extend Medicaid coverage for diapers to children that have a medical necessity for diapers. Affordable and accessible healthcare for all is something that our state should continue to strive towards. This bill plays a significant role in achieving that, and therefore I strongly urge the passage of HB 6937.

All the best,



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