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The honorable Bernie Moreno  
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear Member of Congress:

My name is Lynnette Swinehart and I am a student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky Ohio. I also currently hold a Licensed Practical Nurse licensure in the state of Ohio. I am writing in support of a proposed bill limiting the ability of insurance companies to deny recommended testing by a physician. This proposed Bill will allow primary care physicians to order testing they feel is medical necessary without having to worry if insurance will approve the ordered testing. Primary care providers are trying to provide care to patients in a way that they have been trained to do so, and insurance companies are often standing in the way of this treatment. Patients should not be waiting months for authorization of an MRI potentially delaying a diagnosis of cancer, or a significant medical condition. I recently had a friend who was in this very situation, that was struggling with insurance to approve a MRI. This is unacceptable. If a physician feels a test is medically necessary, it should not be at the discretion of an insurance company whether the testing will be allowed. This is a matter I feel very strongly about, and insurance companies should not have a say so in matters such as this. These decisions could be a matter of life and death for some at the expense of a delay in testing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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