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Rep. Kimberly Poore Moser  
Chair  
Health, Welfare and Family Services Committee  
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Annex Room 315  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Chairwoman Moser:

The KY Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists wishes to express its support for HB 108, AN ACT relating to the codification of existing Medicaid cancer coverage.

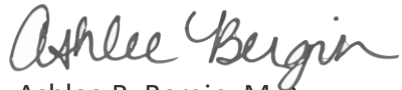
Based upon data from the Kentucky Cancer Registry and known rates of hereditary malignancies, an estimated 450 women develop hereditary breast, ovarian and uterine cancers every year in Kentucky. Unfortunately, hereditary cancers tend to occur at younger ages than sporadic cancers, often affecting women with young families and resulting in greater years of potential life lost.

However, in contrast to sporadic malignancies, cancers that occur because of an inherited genetic predisposition are predictable, and therefore preventable. The benefit of genetic testing for patients with breast, ovarian, uterine and other cancers is well established in the medical literature, both for preventing future malignancies, as well as optimal treatment of certain cancers.

In addition to the prevention of premature death and human suffering, genetic testing for hereditary malignancies is also highly cost-effective. Consistent coverage of this testing for individuals with government-funded health plans will ultimately save money for taxpayers.

Should you require any additional information regarding Medicaid coverage for genetic testing for hereditary malignancies, the KY Section of ACOG would be happy to provide relevant medical literature or other needed information. Thank you very much for your efforts to protect the health of women in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashlee Bergin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashlee B. Bergin, M.D.

Chair

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