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Katie Merritt
Director of Policy and Planning
Office of Insurance Commissioner
1326 Strawberry Square
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Dear Director Merritt:

Please accept this letter as my ardent support of including biomarker testing in updates made to Pennsylvania's Essential Benefits (EHB) package.

Under the Affordable Care Act, individual and small groups (50 or fewer employees) health insurance policies must cover the ten categories of EHBs. Each state can select a benchmark plan to describe what specific benefits must be included in each EHB category.

Pennsylvania's plan has not been updated since 2017. The Insurance Department's reevaluation of the EHB package shows the department is committed to ensure that consumers get the care they need when they need it.

Many Pennsylvanians need biomarker testing to tailor their cancer treatment and guarantee they get the right treatment the first time. This is a lifesaving, vital service that everyone should have access to, and that is why I will be introducing legislation on this topic in the very near future. I encourage the Insurance Department to include biomarker testing in updates to Pennsylvania's EHB package.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Mullins'.

Kyle Mullins
State Representative
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