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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to Sub. House Bill 73.

My name is Saige Camara, and I am a parent and pediatrician. I have experience working with children with life-limiting diagnoses, which is never easy for a family to accept. We work closely with these patients and families to ensure we are doing everything that we can during these difficult times, but I have seen parents who are desperate seek out any solution possible. I have seen external prescribers take advantage of this desperation and provide hope by offering treatment options without any evidence that it will help. I fear that Sub. House Bill 73 will further increase the reach that these outside prescribers have in taking advantage of families during one of the most difficulty times in their life.

Additionally, pediatric care is unique for many reasons. I often care for patients as part of a multi-disciplinary team with pharmacists, dietitians, and social workers who also specialize in pediatrics. We collaborate as a team of experts to provide care that is tailored to the needs of each patient. I fear that Sub. House Bill 73 also opens the door to providers without any pediatric experience (podiatrists, internal medicine providers, etc) to come into our hospital and prescribe medications to pediatric patients without understanding the differences between caring for an adult and a child. Children are not just little adults and providers who do not specialize in pediatrics have very limited exposure to caring for children in their medical training.

Sub. House Bill 73 puts pediatric patients at risk of harm and their parents at risk for predatory practices. Thank you for considering my testimony.