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I am a deaf college student, I use cochlear implants and I have gone to thousands of audiology appointments. I have been deaf my whole life which means that my family has had many fights with insurance companies in how to pay for medical bills or for audiology appointments. I have a younger sister who is also deaf and also uses cochlear implants. My family have spent so much money and time to make sure that my sister and I can hear. Having this bill move forward will help not only my family, but so many families statewide to be able to get the access they need. Many families might have insurance, but they might not have enough money to pay for the bills that insurance won't cover. Insurance companies are meant to help people cover the costs of different things and we need to make sure that they cannot exploit families into paying more than they need to.