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The Honorable Nancy Barto
Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services
Arizona State Capital Complex, HHR-4
1700 W. Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Support HB 2420-Insurance: prescription drugs; step therapy

Dear Chairwoman Barto and members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

Arizona Urological Society (AZUS) is the largest state urological, non-profit organization that is dedicated to preserve and protect present and future Urological care for the people of Arizona by means of education, representation, advocacy, legislative reform and leadership in various state and national health policy arenas.

AZUS supports HB-2420 as an important measure in addressing barriers to care by expanding patient access to options in treatment, increasing transparency and ensuring a fair process for patients and their families. Without these important components, treatment is often delayed, and this can have devastating and costly physical and emotional consequences.

HB 2420 allows for a reasonable solution to the practice known as step therapy or 'fail first'. While Step Therapy certainly can control costs, it is not a one size fits all approach and the provisions of HB 2420 would serve to strengthen the patient's opportunity to access important and life-saving treatment that might not fit into the step therapy formula.

We appreciate your consideration of our position and urge you to support this legislation.

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