**Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County**

**RESOLUTION**

**Calling for The Passage of House Bill 480 NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act**

**WHEREAS,** Covid-19 makes it imperative for immunocompromised cancer patients to avoid high-risk medical facilities that may compromise their treatment and leave them susceptible to other life-threatening diseases. Covid-19 necessitates access to chemotherapy treatments from the safety of their homes**;** and

**WHEREAS,** oral medications can be the preferred treatment and at times the only option for patients to take at home, but North Carolina is one of six states without an Oral Chemotherapy Fairness Law; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 6, 2019, the North Carolina House of Representatives, with strong bipartisan support, passed House Bill 480, the NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, which would make patients’ out-of-pocket costs for oral chemotherapy comparable to intravenous chemotherapy,

**WHEREAS,** House Bill 480 was sent to the NC Senate on May 6, 2019, and was referred immediately to the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, and no further action has been taken,

**RESOLVED**, that the State of North Carolina should provide this vulnerable population of cancer patients with some much-needed peace of mind during this incredibly unnerving time by the passage of House Bill 480, the NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Senate Rules Committee should report favorably on HB 480, the NC Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, and the bill should be passed by the full NC Senate and sent to the Governor of North Carolina to be signed into law.

Submitted to the Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County by DonnaMarie Woodson, Chair of the Issues and Resolutions Committee, Mecklenburg County

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