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The Alabama Legislature
House Insurance Committee
Attn: The Hon. Ellis and Easterbrook
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

January 14, 2026

Re: Support for AL HB 40

Dear Chair Ellis, Vice Chair Easterbrook, and Members of the House Insurance Committee,


My name is Ron Lanton, and I am Government Affairs Director for the American Association of Clinical Urology, Inc (AACU).

The AACU publicly supports HB 40 sponsored by Representative Gray.

Founded in 1968 by urologists concerned by the government's increasing role in the practice of medicine, the AACU is a professional organization representing the interests of more than 3,700+ member urologists, and urologic societies engaged as advocacy affiliates across the United States. We are dedicated to developing and advancing health policy education as it affects urologic practice in order to preserve and promote the professional autonomy of our members and support the highest quality of care for patients.

This bill (HB 40) mandates that health insurance plans in Alabama cover annual screenings without imposing any deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance for men over 50 and high-risk men over 40 years of age.

We applaud this bill as it targets African American men and men who have a first-degree relative who has had prostate cancer and are at high risk for the disease. These are the very communities that AACU seeks to help, which are those that are at most risk to this type of disease.

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AACU has seen similar legislation enacted in states like Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, New York and Rhode Island. These states have recognized the need to help improve patient outcomes and potentially lower costs, all of which will help Alabama patients.

The AACU feels as though a lot of men still are reluctant to get PSA screening, and a lot of the time it's because of the cost of the test. This legislation will alleviate this concern. The AACU stands with our partners in lending our continued support for this important legislation to pass.

We thank this committee for your consideration of this lifesaving legislation.

We look forward to serving as a resource for your Committee and stand by ready to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

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