

Sample Support Letter for SB 931

Dear _____,

I am writing to express support for SB 931, a bill for prosthetic coverage in the state of Virginia. Without legislation to ensure coverage, many people living with the loss or absence of a limb are facing discouraging obstacles when trying to obtain prosthetic care. That is why this issue is so important!

Obviously, the biggest concern anybody has about passing a new mandate is cost. People fear that big jumps in the cost of insurance will reduce access to health care. None of us want to see health insurance costs pushed beyond the reach of the average consumer. The fact is that the data shows that providing prosthetics is not only incredibly inexpensive, but it also saves money in both the public and private sector.

A Department of Health Care Policy & Financing report found that the maximum increase in premiums for prosthetic provision would be about 12 cents per month. That is less than \$1.50 per year. That is not going to push anyone off the insurance rolls or put anyone out of business. It will, however, get people the care they need to get back to work and live independent, productive lives.

Prosthetic coverage bills are being launched all over the country. They are supported by patients, prosthetists and the Amputee Coalition of America, the national advocacy group for people with limb loss. I am writing to urge the Special Commission to support SB 931.

Sincerely,
Name, Address, Phone