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**Supplemental testimony supporting HB 3160
before Senate Human Services Committee**

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"It would probably take longer than the time we have in order to give you firm numbers on how many patients are in a similar situation as you are, but I can tell you that personally, I did approximately 7000 intraocular injections last year. My partner will have done around the same number. We are not unique in that regard; I'm certain the other busy retina practices in town (OHSU and Retina Northwest) are seeing approximately the same volume per practitioner as I am. Not all patients are in the same visual category; there are some who are nearly 20/20 and there are many who are significantly worse--in the most extreme cases, we are fighting to just maintain some baseline functionality in legally blind patients.

In summary, the need for this type of retinal treatment is very large and by extension, there is a large number of people who struggle with visual acuity as you do. I would therefore expect that your bill would reach and benefit a significant number of people."

- Quoted from an email from Brian Chan-Kai, MD to Ruthanne Lidman