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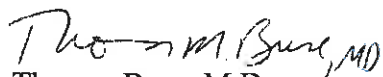
Chairman Hottinger, Vice-Chairman Hackett, Ranking Member Brown and members of the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee, we write in support of Senate Bill 121 and on behalf of OhioHealth, a large hospital system serving the community since 1891. OhioHealth is a family of 28,000 associates, physicians and volunteers, and a network of 11 hospitals, over 50 ambulatory sites, hospice, home-health, medical equipment and other health services spanning a 47-county area throughout Ohio.

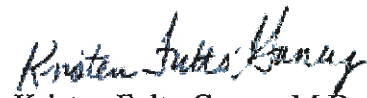
We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments in support of SB 121, legislation that would include tomosynthesis as part of the definition of “screening mammography” providing certainty to patients and providers that the best technology can be utilized when necessary. It is important to keep in mind that tomosynthesis is simply another form of screening mammography; it is not a new mandate.


Below are additional points that we believe support this narrowly-targeted but quite important piece of legislation:

- Tomosynthesis is a 3D screening mammogram that has shown to better detect breast abnormalities in women with dense breasts.
- Tomosynthesis reduces the need for recall of the patient thus removing the anxiety and the cost associated with multiple, additional tests.
- Tomosynthesis improves early detection thus reducing health care costs associated with treatment for later stage diagnoses.

Thank you for your diligent consideration of SB 121. We respectfully urge you to support this important piece of legislation.

  
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