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The Honorable Susan Manchester, Chair
Families, Aging and Human Services Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
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Madman Chair and members of the committee:

I would like to lend my support to HB 371 and urge you to bring fresh hope to the many women in Ohio who have dense breast tissue, get confused by what they are told, and miss the early possibility of intervention for breast cancer.

The article in today's Dayton Daily News by Kettering Health's Dr. Meghan Musser clearly describes the need for additional screening when warranted. Unfortunately, many women who need this supplemental screening are not able to afford it and thus miss the opportunity for early intervention for breast cancer.

That early intervention is key to less invasive and thus less expensive treatment, less worry on the part of the patient, and better long-term results.

Because cancer growth and dense breast tissue look similar on regular mammograms, an extra level of screening is often necessary to really discern if a cancer is there or not.

It is my hope that the Ohio legislature will allow all women this opportunity to stay healthy and productive by passing HB 371.

Thank you for this opportunity to share.

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