

I am a practicing radiation oncologist specializing in breast cancer radiotherapy and want to specifically support this bill. I have worked in NY State where this same supplemental screening is mandated and have personally witnessed the detection of early-stage breast cancers, in predominantly younger women with dense breast tissue, SOLELY due to this supplemental screening. I vehemently urge Ohio lawmakers to support this bill to protect Ohio's women. Breast cancer will affect 1 in 8 women in the US; early detection is the key to ensuring survival but also can mean less chemotherapy, less surgery and potentially less radiation for patients if caught early. In the absence of this supplemental screening, we will directly result in early stage breast cancers being missed on mammograms for these women with dense breast tissue which means more morbidity and potentially mortality for our Ohioans.