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To whom it may concern,

I am a practicing breast radiologist who interpret and diagnose breast cancer daily. I am writing to support House Bill 371.

Nearly 50% of women who underwent mammography screening have dense mammograms. Dense mammograms place these women at higher risk for breast cancer and make the detection of breast cancer on mammogram difficult and sometimes impossible. These women need supplemental screening study such as breast MRI for detection of their breast cancer.

The current Ohio law requires notification of these women by the radiologist that they have dense mammograms, and they should discuss their options regarding supplemental screening methods with their primary care provider. However, these women often do not receive the life-saving screening tests because health insurance plans do not cover supplemental screening breast MRI or ultrasound and paying for these tests out-of-pocket are beyond their financial means.

I urge you to pass legislature to mandate health insurance coverage for supplemental screening MRI and ultrasound for breast cancer screening. I am confident that such legislature has the potential to save the lives of many women.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Su-Ju Lee'.

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