

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, I, Sadie Supinger, CNP, strongly support the passing of HB 371. I am a Nurse Practitioner with Surgical Oncology and co-director of the High-Risk Breast Cancer Screening Program at the University of Cincinnati Cancer Center. There are many individuals that are unable to obtain the recommended screening by the National Cancer Guidelines due to cost. Breast cancer is very treatable when caught early and increased screening, that is covered by insurance, increases the chances of early detection and survivability. Dense breast tissue can increase the likelihood of a breast cancer being missed on imaging. We have the ability to screen those patients with increased density with tomosynthesis and breast MRIs. Insurance coverage should not be the number one barrier to access to this standard of care and recommendations by the American Cancer Society and National Comprehensive Cancer Network.