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This letter is written in support of H.B. No 371 which will revise the law governing certain health insurance and Medicaid coverage of screening mammography. It will also require these entities to cover supplemental breast cancer screenings in select cases.

As a physician and breast cancer survivor, I am very aware that breast cancer can and will affect women at any age. At age 41, I was diagnosed with Stage 3 Invasive Ductal Carcinoma just 5 months after a normal mammogram. I had no family history of breast cancer at the time nor cause for concern previously. Had I been reliant on Medicaid for insurance coverage of my mammogram, the outcome of this diagnoses may have been different. Had I been on Medicaid, I would not have been able to get another screening mammogram for 2 years from the date of my last one.

Breast cancer can affect women and men at any age and socioeconomic status. Screening mammograms should be available to ALL as a means to diagnose this dreadful disease at an early stage. Early detection of disease will help decrease the morbidity and mortality of breast cancer. With access to early screening and early detection, those with breast cancer will have the best chance of successful treatment. The morbidity and mortality rate of this disease should not be dependent on the type of insurance one has.

Additionally, some women need further testing in order to adequately assess their breasts. These tests should be available and covered by ALL insurances as a means to diagnose breast cancer early and provide the best outcome.

Thank you for your time,

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