

Testimony in Support of House Bill 371 Before the Senate Health Committee Dr. Bang Huynh, Diagnostic Radiology Specialist Ohio Radiological Society May 17, 2022

Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of House Bill 371 on behalf of the Ohio Radiological Society.

My name is Dr. Bang Huynh and I am a diagnostic breast radiologist practicing in Columbus and central Ohio. I have been practicing radiology for 19 years and currently serve as the breast section head for my practice.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my full support of House Bill 371 that will update Ohio's mammography coverage laws to include the most advanced technology in breast health including tomosynthesis, updated dense breast notification and coverage for women with dense breasts and increased risks to get supplemental screenings.

As you have already heard, tomosynthesis or 3D mammography is the most advanced breast screening mammography technology that is currently available. Tomosynthesis is an improvement on previous technology that allows us to look through the layers of dense breast tissue. It improves cancer detection, especially for women with dense breasts, and minimizes callbacks, which can be a source of significant stress for patients.

In my experience, the current notification for women with dense breasts is often ignored or causes anguish without providing an appropriate next step. The proposed updated language should result in more women identifying potential cancers early, especially in women with increased risks.

Even with tomosynthesis, it is sometimes difficult to find potential cancers in dense breasts without supplemental screenings such as Ultrasound or MRI. The bill proposes to allow women with dense breasts and increased risks to have coverage for these needed supplemental screenings, when deemed necessary. We know that early detection can mean the difference between life and death and greatly reduces the overall long-term healthcare costs....

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of the Ohio Radiological Society in support of HB 371 and thank you to Rep. Schmidt and Rep. Denson for introducing this important bill. I urge your support of this important bill and I am happy to answer any questions you have at this time.