

The Honorable James Marleau
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Policy
Michigan Senate
P.O. Box 30036
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 879. Mammography has been an important imaging modality in the diagnosis of breast cancer for many years. However, it has limitations, particularly in the evaluation of women with dense breast tissue. Fortunately, there are other imaging modalities that can aid in the evaluation for breast cancer in women with dense breasts. Therefore, an evaluation of breast density should be included in all mammogram reports. By doing this, the woman and her physician will have a better understanding of the potential limitations of mammography for her and can pursue additional evaluation for breast cancer that would, otherwise, go undetected. The passage of Senate Bill 879 will help save lives.

Sincerely,

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