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Statement of the  
Radiological Society of Connecticut  
before the  
Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
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SB 14

The Radiological Society of Connecticut (RSC) is the professional association of Medical Doctors in Connecticut who practice in the field of imaging and radiology. On behalf of our 350 members, we are pleased to support Senate Bill 14, *An Act Prohibiting Co-payments for Preventive Care*.

We note that the bill provides a moratorium on such co-pays where a state-regulated health insurance policy provides coverage of annual physicals, routine prenatal and well-baby care, immunizations and programs aimed at smoking and obesity. RSC agrees that the more we can encourage preventive and upfront care, the better for all concerned.

Lines 9-14 relate to "test and diagnostic procedures" used in connection with annual physicals. No co-pay could be imposed. RSC would like to request that the language clearly state that mammography and screening tests for breast cancer are included in this definition. As the committee knows well, the state has mandated coverage of mammography, and for ultrasound and MRI for certain women. We believe it makes sense to take this additional step and not impose co-pays on what can be a life-saving test.

A tremendous body of medical literature exists that shows co-pays do deter utilization. We believe women should be encouraged, not discouraged, to have mammography tests. Prohibiting co-pays will help in this regard.

RSC looks forward to working with you on this legislation if it is advanced to the floor for consideration. Please feel free to contact our executive director, Linda Kowalski, if you have questions or need additional material relating to this statement. Thank you.