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Statement of the Radiological Society of Connecticut
Senate Bill 811
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Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

The Radiological Society of Connecticut strongly supports Senate Bill 811. We believe patients should be able to have a second mammogram within a year if the initial result is uncertain due to the presence of dense breast tissue.

There are other "second tests" besides mammograms that are done as screening tests for breast cancer, and which have been the subjects of prior statutes. In order for this bill to reflect the intent of the existing statutes, the second test should be covered by all plans and deemed as "preventive" and, therefore, shall not be subject to co-pays, co-insurance, or any deductible within the policy. Thus, we offer the following suggestions for strengthening the bill.

- A second mammogram will be for the purpose of clarifying the findings of a screening mammogram.
- A breast ultrasound can be provided if a prior mammogram shows dense or heterogeneously dense breasts, or if performed for screening high risk patients as determined by the patient's physician.
- A breast MRI examination can be provided if a prior mammogram shows dense or heterogeneously dense breasts, or if performed for screening high risk patients as determined by the patient's physician.
- One annual mammogram in the appropriate, asymptomatic age group, whether designated by accepted Current Procedural Terminology ("otherwise known as CPT") Coding as "screening" or "diagnostic."

Thank you for considering these points in connection with Senate Bill 811.