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Dear Committee Members:

At Middlesex, we have watched the development of Breast Tomosynthesis for years, and we only began our Tomosynthesis service in 2015, when the medical literature showed a dramatic, clinically significant improvement over traditional mammography. The first major large scale study was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in June 2014. In 2015, we began replacing our current Mammography unit with Tomosynthesis units at a cost of \$400,000 for each unit. We did this for our patients. How could we keep doing traditional mammography when we knew there was a better test?

Many more studies have been published, clearly showing that Tomosynthesis Mammography finds 40% more invasive cancers. The Call-Back rate with Tomosynthesis is decreased by 40%, since we can see the tissues inside the breast, not just a summation of the tissues through the breast. We now have an exam that finds MORE invasive cancers with LESS callback mammogram! Truly a better test.

On behalf of Gary Havican, VP of Strategic Planning & Ambulatory Operations, Sandra Phillips, Diagnostic Imaging Director, and the Middlesex Radiologists, I ask that you vote YES on H.B. 5233: An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Tomosynthesis for Breast Cancer Screening.

If you have any questions about this new technology, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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