



Testimony on

Senate Bill 838 An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage and Cost-sharing For Mammograms And Breast Ultrasounds and

House Bill 7124 An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage For Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds

Insurance And Real Estate Committee

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Senator Lesser, Representative Scanlon and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the physicians and physicians in training of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the CT Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (CT ACOG), thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony to you today in support of **Senate Bill 838 An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage and Cost-sharing For Mammograms And Breast Ultrasounds and House Bill 7124 An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage For Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.**

These two bills before you today seek to accomplish the mutual goals of lowering to thirty years of age the requirement for coverage of baseline breast screening, coverage for younger women under the recommendation of her treating physician, and those with a family or personal history of breast cancer. CSMS and CT ACOG support these two bills.

CSMS has repeatedly testified before this committee in support of legislation to increase access and limit out of pocket cost barriers to breast cancer screening. Additionally, we have consistently testified that coverage should be provided for services and tests deemed medically necessary by a physician. Today, as technology advances and our ability to detect and identify concerns more rapidly and efficiently, our statutes need to reflect these changes. Ultimately, early detection of breast cancer is not only a significant cost savings within the healthcare system but increases the quality and extends the lives of many women.

Please support these proposed bills