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Testimony from Representative Michelle Cook

In Support of House Bill 7124 An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.

Chairmen Lesser, Scanlon; Vice Chairs; Ranking Members; and Distinguished Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

I am testifying in support of **House Bill 7124** An Act Concerning Required Health insurance Coverage for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds and **Senate Bill 838** An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage and Cost-Sharing for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds.

It is extremely important to expand access to screenings and annual checkups for women who are susceptible to getting breast cancer, which is one of the most common forms of cancer for women. This legislation will provide women the necessary access to receive these life-saving screenings. An annual breast cancer screening is essential for early detection and therefore easier treatment and better outcomes. This legislation is critical because no one should have to deny themselves lifesaving care due to its financial burden.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue and I urge you to support House Bill 7124 and Senate Bill 838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle L. Cook".

Representative Michelle Cook  
65<sup>th</sup> Assembly District