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HB 7124 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.

SB 838 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COST-SHARING FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.

Co-Chairs Senator Lesser and Representative Scanlon; Ranking Member Senator Kelly and Representative Pavalock-D'Amato; and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony in support of HB 7124 ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS and SB 838, AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.

It is very important that we expand access to early screening and annual checkups for women 30 years of age and earlier if they have family histories of breast cancer or other significant risk factors. More than 1,000 women under 40 die each year because their cancer went undetected. It has been projected that 12,150 breast cancer cases will arise annually in women under 40, a potential death sentence for these women.

I would like to propose adding screening for breast density to HB 7124. This addition would give women a better chance of detecting breast cancer earlier. Other states allow for this preventive measure for women. This service would be limited so there would not be an across the board requirement.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals.