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Senate Bill 838

An Act Concerning Copayments for Ultrasound Breast Cancer Screenings

House Bill 7124

An Act concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage for Mammograms and Breast Ultrasounds

Written testimony of Senator Kevin Witkos, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Insurance & Real Estate Committee  
February 21, 2019

Dear Chairman Lesser, Chairman Scanlon, Ranking Member Kelly, Ranking Member Pavalock-D'Amato and members of the Insurance and Real Estate committee. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 838 and House Bill 7124.

In recent years, Connecticut has made great strides in supporting women seeking coverage for breast cancer screenings. I am in full support of these proposals which would help ensure that women who have a family history of breast cancer, have dense breast tissue, or are following recommendations of their physician receive proper and timely treatment as part of their overall health examinations.

Furthermore, it is imperative that we re-examine the coding of ultrasounds as diagnostic, rather than a more appropriate coding of preventive. When an abnormality is found early on, this gives both the medical professionals and the patient a greater opportunity to develop a plan of action to respond.

The time and attention your committee has given to these bills is to be commended, and I am hopeful that you will consider passage of these important proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Witkos".

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