



February 22, 2022

The Honorable Tina Liebling
477 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

Re: HF 447 - Required Health Insurance Coverage for Benefits Related to Breast Cancer

Dear Representative Liebling and Members of the Health Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of RAYUS Radiology, a network of multi-modality diagnostic imaging centers, that operates 23 advanced imaging centers across Minnesota, I am writing you today in strong support of HF 447 which looks to expand access to health care services regarding the diagnosis of breast cancer by prohibiting cost-sharing requirements for follow-up diagnostic mammography. This legislation will allow citizens greater access to essential women's health care at a time when it is estimated that nearly half of annual breast cancer screenings and other diagnostic studies were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting limitations on elective procedures.

Prohibitive cost barriers can limit access to these essential follow-up services, a patient's inability to pay should not prevent them from obtaining a potential life-saving early diagnosis. This increased ease of access will directly impact the health outcomes of patients by requiring coverage for additional follow-up services at no cost to the patient.

Certainly the savings of life due to earlier detection is of utmost value, and we ask you to support HF 447 to ensure residents of Minnesota access to these critical, life-saving follow-up care.

Sincerely yours,

Zachary Brunnert
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