



February 13, 2023

The Honorable Matt Klein  
2105 Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: SF 329 – SUPPORTING ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

Dear Senator Klein and Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

On behalf of the Radiology Patient Action Network, a coalition of physician-based and patient advocacy organizations with members across the country, we are writing you today in strong support of SF 329 which expands 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 SF 329 to ensure access to these critical, life-saving follow-up care. We thank you for considering this vital legislation and thank Senator Mann for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Still", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

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