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Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee

RI State House  
Providence, RI, 02904

**RE: Support for H7276 - Rep. Fogarty**

Honorable Members of the Health and Human Services Committee

I am writing to you as a cancer survivor and lifelong resident of Rhode Island to strongly urge you to vote in favor of H7276 sponsored by Representative Fogarty. This legislation is important in creating full access to breast cancer screening for all Rhode Island women.

I count myself as fortunate that in 2015, when a yearly mammogram showed signs of a small mass on my right breast, the follow-up screening I needed was covered by my health insurance. I know from experiences of others, recently my younger sister, that co-pays for breast ultrasound can be as high as \$500. At the time of my diagnosis, that co-pay may have been too much for our family budget to bear. I firmly believe that working families who maintain health insurance (a significant monthly cost) should not have to scrape together funds for basic, preventative medicine.

This bill is a common-sense approach to this issue, and your support will ensure that women in Rhode Island have access to necessary secondary screening, and therefore, early treatment for breast cancer.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for considering my views. I look forward to your positive action on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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