

May 5, 2014

The Honorable James Marleau  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Policy  
Michigan Senate  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Support for SB 879 Breast Density Education

Dear Senator Marleau:

My name is Eduardo Reyes. Unfortunately, I am one of thousands of family members that have seen love ones suffer through painful surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation therapy due to breast cancer. Therefore, I am writing to express my strong support for Senator Hildenbrand's Breast Density Education bill, SB 879.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, no matter what race or ethnicity. Therefore, it is crucial that women be educated about breast density. The bill simply requires that women are told if they have dense breasts and what that means. Dense breast could mean a greater risk of breast cancer and that density can hide tumors on mammogram. Therefore, women need to know if they have dense breasts, and discuss additional screening tests with their physicians. Put simply, this bill is about educating women and their choices.

I have lost two aunts to breast cancer. My wife's grandmother succumbed to breast cancer. My mother-in-law suffered from breast cancer. With the education that this bill will require, there will be less women and families who will suffer from this disease.

We must pass this bill. There have been too many lives lost due to breast cancer. Thank you for your time in reading this letter and thank you for your consideration regarding your role in the fight against breast cancer.

Sincerely,

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