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Dear Chair Marzola and members of the Assembly Commerce & Labor Committee,

I am writing to express my support for SB330. This bill expands access to breast cancer screening and diagnostic testing at no cost to the patient.

I have worked as an oncology nurse for over fourteen years. In that time, I have seen firsthand the difference early detection can make. In my role, I work to remove barriers to care both for breast cancer screening and for breast cancer treatment. Too many of my patients struggle to pay their out-of-pocket expenses. This results in delays in diagnosis and treatment.

Studies have shown that a delay in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer can result in disease presenting in more advanced stages. This results in more invasive surgical interventions, increasing health care costs and a higher mortality rate. Women whose breast cancer is detected at an early stage have a 93 percent or higher survival rate in the first five years.

In reducing the cost to the patient and expanding access to diagnostic testing, SB330 will help improve rates of early detection and overall outcomes. Your support for SB330 will have meaningful and lasting impact.

Sincerely,

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