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Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee
Nevada State Capitol
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Support SB 330: Eliminate Out-of-Pocket Costs for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Imaging

Madame Chair and Honorable Members of the Assembly Committee,

On behalf of Comprehensive Cancer Center of Nevada (CCCN), Nevada's largest independent community-based cancer treatment provider in Southern Nevada, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **support SB 330, which would eliminate out-of-pocket costs for medically necessary diagnostic and supplemental breast imaging under most insurance policies.**

Comprehensive Cancer Centers is the award-winning multi-specialty practice comprising medical oncology, hematology, radiation oncology, breast surgery, pulmonary medicine, cancer genetic counseling and clinical research at several locations in Southern Nevada. For more than 40 years our team of 45 physicians and 17 advanced practitioners has been dedicated to providing the most effective treatments, both existing and emerging, in order to diagnose and successfully treat cancer and blood disorders. We support this goal with state-of-the-art Nevada cancer centers and facilities, all of which integrate the latest diagnostic, therapeutic and research capabilities in a professional yet caring setting.

Ensuring Nevadan's access to affordable breast cancer screening is crucial competent in the diagnosis and treatment process. Breast cancer screening and follow-up diagnostics have led to significant increases in the early detection of breast cancer in the past 30 years – reducing breast cancer mortality in the U.S. by 40 percent.

Breast cancer is known to have one of the highest treatment costs of any cancer, but by reducing treatment access barriers such as insurance co-pays for diagnostic imaging, we are confident that it would lead to reduced deaths, a decrease in the number of late-stage breast cancer diagnoses and allow physicians to start treatment earlier. By detecting and treating breast cancer early, we can ensure that SB 330 will lead to cost savings for not only cancer patients but for entire healthcare system.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our insights. If you have any further questions regarding the positive impact of SB 330 will have, please don't hesitate to contact us. We welcome the opportunity to be a further resource for you and we hope that you will consider joining us in our support for this measure.

Sincerely,

Andrew Cohen, MD
President