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Chairwoman Dietrich and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 409.

In recent years, we have seen positive changes in preventative healthcare, with many Kansans encouraged to participate in early detection efforts for breast cancer. Screening mammograms usually have full coverage, which is a helpful step toward encouraging regular checkups. However, if a screening identifies a potential concern, follow-up diagnostic exams are often treated differently by insurance, leading to additional out-of-pocket costs for patients.

We cannot ask women to be proactive about their health, only to punish them financially when they find something that needs investigation. This continues to be an area where our policies can better reflect our commitment to health.

This matter has touched those close to me personally. For example, a friend of mine recently needed a diagnostic mammogram following an abnormal screening. Unfortunately, her insurance did not cover the follow-up exam as it had for the initial screening, and at the time, the extra cost was more than she could manage. Delays in care can affect outcomes, and practical barriers like these are important to address.

SB 409 proposes a straightforward solution. By setting clear guidelines for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations, including modern imaging techniques and removing cost-sharing requirements for these services, we can ensure Kansans have consistent and reliable access to follow-up care if needed.

If we value the lives of Kansas women, we must value the entire process of saving them, not just the first step.

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I encourage the committee to support SB 409 so we can remove unnecessary obstacles to timely healthcare and provide greater peace of mind for patients facing follow-up exams.

Thank you for your consideration.

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