

D.E.N.S.E.TM

Do you know your breast density ?

February 10, 2014

Representative John Buckner
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Representative Buckner,

Re: Letter of support: HB14-1126

D.E.N.S.E. (Density Education National Survivors' Effort), a national grassroots advocacy effort for the inclusion of breast density information in the letter women receive after their mammogram, is pleased to support the introduction of Colorado bill HB14-1126. It is in the interest of public safety to enact a standard that requires doctors to inform women of their breast density, its inherent risk factor, and apprise them of the limitations of mammography in dense breasts. Kept in the dark about this significant piece of their own health history and physiology, women can hardly be considered informed participants in their own health surveillance.

We support personal, unambiguous, comprehensive patient inform such as that promulgated by the American College of Radiology, which: Informs a patient she has dense breasts, details the effect of breast density on a mammogram, notifies the patient that breast density may be associated with an increased risk of developing breast cancer and advises the patient to discuss their personal risk factors and value of supplemental screening with their doctor.

We strongly support this timely legislation and hope Colorado joins the 14 other existing U.S. states with breast density inform laws enacted. We respectfully request our letter of support be included in the record.

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