

HB 1364: Public Health - Mammograms - Arterial Calcification Notice: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Health Committee:

I am writing to respectfully, **strongly support HB 1364**, concerning *Public Health – Mammograms – Arterial Calcification Notice*.

HB 1364 represents a practical and potentially life-saving step toward improving early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease among Maryland residents. When arterial calcifications are visible on a mammogram, they may indicate an increased risk of heart disease—even in patients who may not otherwise show symptoms.

Providing patients with notice of arterial calcification findings empowers them to seek appropriate follow-up care with their primary healthcare provider or a specialist. This additional information can prompt earlier cardiovascular risk assessment, lifestyle changes, or medical intervention that may help prevent serious outcomes such as heart attack or stroke.

Importantly, this bill does not mandate additional procedures or impose treatment requirements. Instead, it simply ensures that patients are informed about relevant findings already observed during routine mammographic imaging. Increasing transparency in medical reporting allows individuals to make more informed decisions about their personal health and pursue preventive care when appropriate.

Early awareness can play a critical role in reducing long-term healthcare costs and improving overall health outcomes across our communities. **HB 1364** helps provide Marylanders with actionable information that may contribute to earlier diagnosis and better management of cardiovascular risk.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1364**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals