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HB 1259

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TO: The Honorable Joseline A. Mena-Melnyk, Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Delegate Diana M. Fennell, Assistant Speaker Pro Tem
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana M. Fennell".

RE: HB 1259 Breast and Lung Cancer Screening – Coverage Requirements

Madam Chairman and esteemed members of the Health and Government Operation Committee this is my letter supporting this bill as I am one of the sponsors.

The bill requires certain insurers, health service plan and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for supplemental breast examinations. It clarifies that certain coverage requirements for lung cancer screening apply to follow-up diagnostic imagining. It prohibits certain insurers, health service plans and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for required coverage for lung cancer screening or follow-up diagnostic imaging relating to health insurance and breast and lung cancer screening.

As with my Breast Cancer bill last year, so many women of color often miss out on the screening due to the cost factor associated with supplemental screening and diagnostic imagining.

For this reason, I urge a favorable report from this committee.