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The Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**House Bill 1259 – Health Insurance – Breast and Lung Cancer Screening – Coverage Requirements**

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. respectfully **opposes** *HB 1259 Health Insurance – Breast and Lung Cancer Screening – Coverage Requirements* and urges the committee to give the bill an unfavorable report.

League members are comfortable with parts of the bill which include the provision of providing coverage for image-guided breast biopsy or lung cancer screening as recommended by the United States Preventative Services Task Force.

We are not comfortable with the removal of prior authorization in the ultrasound, MRI, computed tomography, and image-guided biopsy space and believe that these discussions are best to continue to take place in the broader prior authorization omnibus legislation (**HB 932**). The committee is poised to pass that legislation that was developed with over a year of feedback, with multiple stakeholders, and many discussions that resulted in a bill that will have massive impact in the space and reform how prior authorizations are administered in a newly efficient manner.

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give House Bill 1259 an unfavorable report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Math Celentano", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew Celentano  
Executive Director

cc: Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee