



**TESTIMONY OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

**SB 172, An Act Requiring Communication Of  
Mammographic Breast Density Information To Patients**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 172, An Act Requiring Communication Of Mammographic Breast Density Information To Patients**.

The purpose of the bill is to provide information about breast density for the early detection of breast cancer, and to encourage patients to seek follow-up care. CHA strongly supports providing patients with information for the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. However, CHA has concerns about SB 172, as it creates a significant risk that women may be confused by the information being provided, which concerns the factor of density, a factor that is not the primary clinical value of the mammography report, or the primary recommendation of the American College of Radiology BIRAD System. Unfortunately, science has not reached the point of being able to dictate care determinations related solely to breast density. Until such time, the findings of mammography and the planning for follow-up care should continue to be handled through a physician-patient dialogue rather than as proposed in SB 172.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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