

## HB 1283

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Industry Business and Labor Committee.

For the record I am Lisa Meier from District 32 Bismarck.

I'm here in support of HB1283 and glad to be a cosponsor of this legislation.

Breast cancer continues to be the most diagnosed cancer among women and is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the U.S. In 2025, approximately 640 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 70 lives will be lost to the disease in ND.

Many people cannot afford the out-of-pocket expense for additional screening. When women can't afford additional screening and decide not to do it the result leads to late-stage diagnosis as well as more aggressive and expensive treatments.

This bill will help save lives and large expenses.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I thank you for your consideration!