

November 29, 2017

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to you on behalf of members of The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, the single-issue business coalition in New York State which represents more than 3,000 small and mid-sized businesses statewide.

I understand that you have until today to act on legislation regarding digital breast tomosynthesis and while I know that you are passionate about the need for breast cancer screening, I respectfully ask that you reconsider your support and veto this bill.

The Empire Center for Public Policy recently described this bill as “a classic case of healthcare politics rushing ahead of medical science.” We are in total agreement.

The present state of flux in Washington, D.C. has left many New Yorkers questioning the fate of their health insurance, leaving New York’s leadership to ensure that all residents have access to affordable health care. One way to do this is by intentionally avoiding health insurance mandates, which are proven to increase costs. New York State presently lacks any mechanism to measure whether the medical benefits of this coverage would justify the increased in premiums. By opposing this mandate you can help to keep costs in check and assures that health insurance remains accessible.

The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force recommendation states that there is no long-term evidence that the use of this screening would lead to better outcomes. Science is dynamic . Laws are static which makes it impossible to ensure that consumers will always receive the most up-to-date health care.

The small business community needs your leadership to protect their access to basic, affordable health insurance. I respectfully ask that you oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Pamela Reese Finch