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The Honorable John Dingell
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell,

On behalf of the 30,000 physician and physicist members of the American College of Radiology, I would like to offer the College's full support for your introduction of H.R. 4888, to reauthorize the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA).

Since enactment of MQSA in 1992, women in the U.S. have gained confidence in the providers of their mammograms, through the knowledge that mammography facilities were being certified in accordance with federal standards. The successful collaboration of radiologists, mammography facility operators, federal and state regulators and consumer groups has produced significant improvements in the quality of mammograms nationwide. Although funding mammography services still remains a problem, this has not deterred the College from constantly seeking ways to improve the quality of mammograms.

The College looks forward to working with you and other interested parties to enact H.R. 4888 and thanks you for your leadership as we continue to improve the quality of mammography services throughout the country.

Sincerely,

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