

**To:** Members of the House Health & Human Services  
**From:** Cameron DeTello | Young Invincibles | Rocky Mountain Engagement Manager  
**Re:** SB25-296 - Insurance Coverage for Breast Cancer Examinations

Mr. Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony. My name is Cameron DeTello, and I serve as the Rocky Mountain Engagement Manager at Young Invincibles. Today, though, I'm speaking not just as a professional in this space, but as a daughter, a mother, and someone who has lived through the terrifying realities that breast cancer can bring.

In 2019, when I was 21, my mom was diagnosed with stage 3 metastatic breast cancer. That diagnosis didn't come quickly or easily—it came months after she had to persistently advocate for herself, navigating a long waitlist just to get a mammogram. She was living in Pueblo at the time, but had to move her care to Denver because she didn't have the luxury to wait.

For our family, the emotional toll was massive—denial, fear, despair, guilt—but what I remember just as clearly is the financial toll. My mom was the sole provider for our household. Suddenly, in addition to fighting for her life, she was burdened with figuring out how to afford treatments, keep food on the table, and plan for an uncertain future. We felt helpless.

In 2022, her cancer returned—this time in her brain. Today, I'm so grateful to say she's still with us. But just recently, she found another lump in her breast. And once again, we are stuck waiting for an appointment, holding our breath with every passing day.

This isn't just my mother's story. It's also mine. I'm only 28 years old and already considered high risk. I've had to undergo both a mammogram and a breast MRI after discovering a lump. As a mother to a 20-month-old, the fear is overwhelming. I'm lucky to have good insurance and some knowledge of how to navigate the system, but even with that, the process has been confusing, scary, and expensive.

That's why SB25-296 matters so deeply. This bill ensures that people, especially those at high risk, can access diagnostic and supplemental breast exams without additional costs like copays or deductibles. It defines and clarifies these screenings in statute, helping both patients and providers understand what is covered. And perhaps most importantly, it helps remove unnecessary barriers that delay detection and treatment.

If this bill had been law years ago, my mom might have been diagnosed sooner. If it had been the law today, my own experience might have been less stressful and more straightforward.

Please help families like mine—people like my mother, and people like me—get the care they need without delay or financial hardship. I urge you to vote “yes” on SB25-296. Thank you for your time and consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

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