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Dear **[name of the MP]**

I am in support of **Breast Density Matters UK** campaign, see below. Your support is NEEDED!

CALL to ACTION: Need for Dense Breasts Education to be on Parliament's agenda, again!

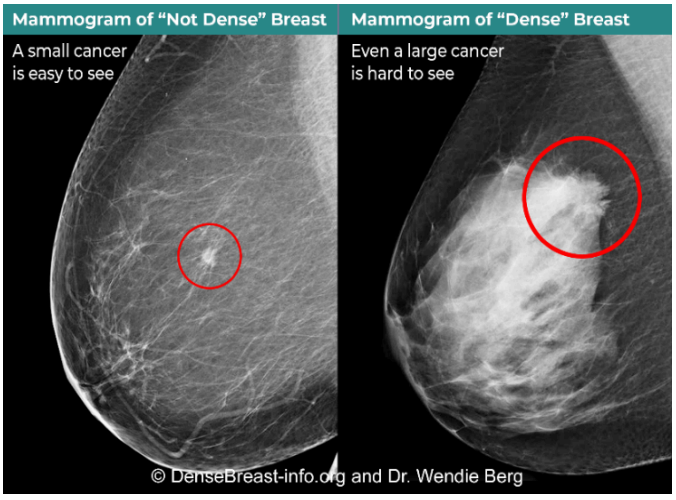
In the UK, every 10 minutes, 1 woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.

In many countries, women with dense breasts receive additional screening (ie, ultrasound) after their mammograms. This is because dense tissue hides cancers on a mammogram and any *additional* screening test after a mammogram increases cancer detection over a mammogram alone.

At some point, the UK may implement a new breast screening programme specifically for women with dense breasts. Until that time, **cancers will continue to be missed in dense breasts –** an estimated 3,500 cancers annually: since 2016, in excess of 30,000.

We believe that women must take charge of their own breast health, educate themselves about breast density and ask questions when attending a mammogram or follow up appointments.
Following a mammogram, women receive a letter, either to be called back for further checks, or "no signs of cancer can be seen" - implying, but not certain, 'a clear' result. However, this letter is unacceptably reassuring. It is incomplete. It does not tell women anything about dense breasts and that, if they have dense breasts, the mammogram will be less effective. This **MUST** change.

CALL FOR ACTION: Please support the Dense Breast campaign
#NEEDtoKNOW



Mandatory educational information about dense breasts to be included post-mammogram letter

Urgent NEED for Dense Breasts Patient Fact Sheet explaining: Breast tissue can be either dense or not dense. Dense tissue makes it harder to find breast cancer on a mammogram and raises the risk of developing breast cancer.

Visit: DenseBreast-info.org/Europe
Full content to be agreed

Understanding breast density can be the difference between early- or late-stage diagnoses #EducationSavesLives

I look forward to hearing from you.
Yours sincerely,

[Your name]