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Dear Jennie Dale,

RE: Density Notification for Women of Yukon

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Thank you for your letter of February 16, 2022 on behalf of Dense Breasts Canada. I apologize for the delay in responding. I appreciate you reaching out to discuss this important issue.

As you may know, mammograms are conducted through Whitehorse General Hospital's mammography unit. In the Yukon, mammograms are offered to patients with a physician referral or by self-referral for individuals over the age of 40. If you would like to learn more, further information about the Yukon's mammography program is available online at <https://yukonhospitals.ca/whitehorse-general-hospital/programs-and-services/mammography>.

The first mammography unit in the Yukon to include software capable of consistently reporting an objective breast density score was installed at the Whitehorse General Hospital in December 2020. The Yukon Hospital Corporation's Medical Imaging Unit is currently in the planning phase to implement the inclusion of Breast Density scores on mammography results and we anticipate this will be in effect in fall 2022. In the coming months, engagement and communication plans for this project will be carried out.

We recognize that breast cancer treatment and prevention are important issues for Yukoners and I appreciate your advocacy regarding breast density reporting. Again, thank you for reaching out to discuss this important issue. Cancer patients and their families may contact the Yukon's Cancer Care Coordination Services at (867) 393-8853 to discuss their questions and receive additional guidance and support.

Yours truly,



Tracy-Anne McPhee  
Minister of Health and Social Services