



March 20, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

We are writing on behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), and the more than 3 million individuals living with breast cancer in this country today, and non-profit organizations like ours that are working to save lives. This year, more than 42,000 people in this country will die of breast cancer, and more than 327,630 individuals will be diagnosed. Breast cancer is an incredibly complex disease, and we must be able to continue the work we do in our mission to end this disease.

The National Breast Cancer Coalition has represented the needs of individuals living with breast cancer and individuals at risk for breast cancer for nearly three decades. Organizations like ours depend on the money raised through charitable giving. **Congress must ensure communities are able to continue supporting non-profits by enacting a targeted, temporary giving incentive that enables all residents, regardless of whether they claim itemized deductions, to receive a tax incentive for giving to the work of charitable non-profits responding to, or impacted by, the coronavirus.**

As Congress puts together a COVID-19 Relief and Economic Stimulus package, we ask that you keep in mind the importance of support for non-profit organizations, which are the third-largest workforce in this country. Moreover, for a vulnerable population like men and women with breast cancer, the needs are greater than ever before for support and advocacy from organizations such as ours. **We need your help to survive during this unprecedented pandemic and its economic impact.**

Non-profits across the country, including ours, are small businesses, often operating on budgets less than \$5 million annually. A substantial portion of the money non-profits spend annually is spent on the salaries, benefits, and payroll taxes that keep our organizations viable. In the past, Congress excluded employment-related tax credits leaving non-profit employers and employees out of the provisions. It is for that reason, we request that any employment-focused relief or stimulus legislation must expressly apply to employment at tax-exempt organizations by making tax credits and deductions applicable not just to income taxes, but also to the taxes non-profits pay. Non-profits must also be expressly included in tax and other relief targeted to help small businesses survive.

NBCC was recently forced to cancel its annual advocacy summit, which draws breast cancer advocates from across the country to Washington, D.C. This will have a large impact on our bottom-line this year. We are not alone, as community engagement and related services of many profits that promote a vibrant economy have dropped off due to this pandemic. **Any economic stimulus proposals, aimed at helping adversely affected industries and geographic areas, must recognize the impact of the coronavirus epidemic on the non-profit sector.**

Challenging times such as these bring to mind the women who were part of launching the National Breast Cancer Coalition, who are no longer with us. It was their courage and activism that, in large part,

is responsible for who we are today. On behalf of their legacy, and the futures of their children and grandchildren, we know we must remain committed to our mission to end breast cancer, despite the obstacles before us. We ask that Congress consider our important work, and that of non-profits like us, as you put together a COVID economic relief and stimulus package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Visco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fran Visco
President