

Dear XXX

My name is XXX and I am a breast cancer advocate, a member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition and a constituent.

I write to ask that during October, a month that is usually focused on breast cancer awareness, you instead take action to improve the lives of those with the most deadly form of this disease.

I'm asking you to cosponsor S. 1374, the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. Your support can ensure that this bipartisan bill becomes law. S. 1374 will waive the unnecessary waiting period for benefits and Medicare for those with metastatic breast cancer who are eligible for SSDI. The average survival of those with metastatic breast cancer is 3 years. These waiting periods pose added burdens on these patients and their families. Too often these individuals are deemed eligible, but die waiting for benefits, at increased suffering to them and their families.

Breast cancer patients don't need more proclamations, they need your co-sponsorship on this bill. With it we can come one step closer to bringing these much-needed benefits to those affected by metastatic breast cancer. I hope I can receive your support on this bill.

Thank you for your time, support, and leadership.