



On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), I want to welcome you to the 117th Congress. NBCC looks forward to working with you on our shared mission to end breast cancer.

NBCC is a coalition of hundreds of member organizations from across the country representing millions of individuals, including women and men with breast cancer, their families, and friends. NBCC's mission is to end breast cancer by developing and acting on effective strategies designed to achieve our mission. We work with the administration, Congress, research institutions, and health care providers to end this disease. With the support of our grassroots national network, we set a public policy agenda and then advocate for its adoption. NBCC supports federal funding for impactful breast cancer research, monitors how those funds are spent, expands access to quality health care for all, and ensures that trained advocates influence all decision-making that affects breast cancer.

Since its inception in 1991, NBCC has consistently pushed for innovation in breast cancer research and health care. We have a history of taking on big issues in breast cancer, challenging business, as usual, facing controversy head-on, and achieving success.

At the start of the new year and a new Congress, NBCC has continued their work to end breast cancer and approved our 2021 legislative and public policy priorities. Included in our legislative priorities are continuation of the Department of Defense's Breast Cancer Research Program at level funding and enactment of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act, which waives the 24-month waiting period for Medicare and 5-month waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for eligible individuals with Metastatic Breast Cancer. NBCC also supports the ongoing public policy initiative to ensure the participation of educated patient advocates in science research and at all levels of health care decision-making.

Your help will be critical to NBCC meeting its goals. I look forward to working with you and your staff in 2021 as we advance the legislative and public policy priorities needed to meet the challenge to end breast cancer once and for all.

Sincerely,

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