

2026 Public Policy Platform

Breast Cancer Is a Bipartisan Issue and an Urgent Health Crisis.

The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) calls upon all candidates for federal office to support NBCC's policy platform and prioritize ensuring access to affordable health care, protecting scientific research and its funding and supporting policies that will end breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Remains an Epidemic.

More than 4 million women and thousands of men in the United States are living with breast cancer. In 2026, an estimated 321,910 women and 2,670 men in this country will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and an additional 60,730 women with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS).

In the US alone, an estimated 42,670 women and 530 men will die of breast cancer this year. We still do not know what causes breast cancer, how to prevent it or cure it, or how to stop it from metastasizing.

Our Platform

NBCC will report to the public those candidates who endorse our platform at stopbreastcancer.org/breastcancercaucus. Public officials will be held accountable for how they vote and govern with regard to this platform.

RESEARCH

The federal government must:

- Protect the advancement of scientific knowledge and research through federally funded programs and oppose actions that undermine the integrity, continuity, or independence of the scientific enterprise.
- Appropriate sufficient funds annually to support meaningful breast cancer research and develop policies that guarantee transparency, oversight, and accountability of that investment.
- Appropriate \$150 million for fiscal year 2027 and pledge continued support for the Department of Defense peer-reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program.

ACCESS

Health care is a basic human right. The federal government must guarantee that everyone has access to patient-centered, evidence-based, high-quality, and affordable health care and:

- Assure Medicaid coverage for treatment of low-income women screened and diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Waive the waiting periods for Medicare and disability benefits for those with metastatic breast cancer who qualify under Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- Ensure law, regulation and science policies that result in approval of drugs that significantly extend or save lives and whose prices are based on value or effectiveness.

INFLUENCE

The federal government must ensure that trained and educated advocates representing a constituency and personally affected by the disease have a seat at all tables where breast cancer research, health care, and policy decisions are made and implemented.

NBCC Policy Platform Endorsement

*Please return signed pledges to Maggie Bush,
mbush@stopbreastcancer.org or visit
stopbreastcancer.org/breastcancercaucus to submit electronically.*

I, _____,
(name)

(position/candidate for)

endorse and pledge my support for the National Breast
Cancer Coalition's Breast Cancer Public Policy Platform.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

About the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC): NBCC's mission is to end breast cancer. We are a collaboration of activists, survivors, grassroots groups, and other stakeholders who have come together as disruptive innovators for social change. We link hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals from across the country into a dynamic, diverse coalition giving breast cancer a meaningful voice in Washington, DC, and state capitals; in laboratories and health care institutions; and in local communities everywhere.

To learn more and join the movement, visit **stopbreastcancer.org**.