FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: [insert date]

CONTACT:

[insert your name]

[insert your phone #]

[insert your email]

**[Name of City/State] Advocates to Meet With [Rep./Sen. Xxxxxxx] to Advocate for Substantive Breast Cancer Agenda**

*Breast Cancer Activists Gather in Washington, D.C. to Demonstrate the Importance of Grassroots Advocacy in the Fight to End Breast Cancer*

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the [insert state name] delegation will join breast cancer advocates from across the country to lobby Rep. [First and last name (D or R- district #)] and Sens. [First and last names (D or R-State)] on the [National Breast Cancer Coalition](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/)’s (NBCC) 2023 legislative priorities.

## After three days of extensive training at the [NBCC’s Annual Advocate Leadership Summit](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/events/2023-advocate-leadership-summit/), members of [organization name or individual name] will join breast cancer survivors and other activists working to end this disease for a full day of meetings on Capitol Hill. The advocates will discuss breast cancer public policy issues with their elected officials during NBCC’s annual Lobby Day and urge them to support the NBCC agenda.

## Key priorities covered include the [Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/priority-2/) (H.R. 549/S. 663), which is legislation to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare and the 5-month waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for eligible individuals with metastatic breast cancer; guaranteed [access to quality health care for all](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/public-policy-priority-1-guaranteed-access-to-quality-care-for-all/); and increased federal funding for meaningful breast cancer research, among other [legislative priorities](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/).

The hundreds of dedicated breast cancer survivors, family, and friends attending this year’s summit in Washington, D.C. will learn about the latest in breast cancer research and science, explore emerging issues in public policy and health care, and build and strengthen political advocacy skills. Leading scientists, advocates and researchers will discuss and debate new and often controversial issues in the work to prevent, treat, cure—and ultimately end—breast cancer.

“Almost everyone is sympathetic to the cause of breast cancer. But we need more than sympathy to end the disease. All politicians must be held accountable for their action—or inaction—on substantive breast cancer policy that will make a difference. Our own [Representative or Senator name] [write something your representative or senator has or has not done—for example, our own Sen. X has/ has not been very supportive of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, or another statement depending on the background on the specific member of Congress],” said [your organization’s spokesperson, their title] of [your organization].

“There is still more work to do on the federal and state levels. We must continue our activism until women no longer get a diagnosis of this devastating disease.”

[Name of state] activists have been participating in NBCC annual Lobby Days and working to forward its agenda for [#] years. This is the [xth] time that members of [organization name] have participated in NBCC’s Lobby Day and discussed substantive breast cancer public policy issues with members of Congress.

**About NBCC**

NBCC is dedicated to ending breast cancer through the power of grassroots action and advocacy. NBCC increases funding for 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 impacts breast cancer. Join NBCC, learn more, and take action: Visit [stopbreastcancer.org](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/).

**About [insert your organization name**]

[insert paragraph about your organization]

# # #