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

*Activists Take Advantage of August Recess to Demonstrate the Importance of Local Grassroots Advocacy in the Fight to End Breast Cancer*

[CITY, STATE] – This month, breast cancer advocates from across the state are meeting with Rep. [First and last name (D or R- district #)] and Sens. [First and last names (D or R-State)] to lobby for the [National Breast Cancer Coalition](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/)’s (NBCC) 2023 [legislative priorities](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/)—and to ultimately save lives.

“Almost everyone is sympathetic to the cause of breast cancer. But we need more than sympathy to end the disease,” said [your organization’s spokesperson, their title] of [your organization].

Key priorities include the [Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/priority-2/) (MBCACA) (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](https://www.stopbreastcancer.org/information-center/positions-policies/150-million-for-the-department-of-defense-dod-breast-cancer-research-program-bcrp-for-fy2021/).

To date, more than 140 bipartisan members of Congress have signed onto the MBCACA, with many more signaling their support. But now is the time for real, meaningful action.

“All politicians must be held accountable for their action—or inaction—on substantive breast cancer policy. [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 [last name of your organization’s spokesperson].

“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.”

**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 decisionmaking 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]

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