

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
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The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
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The Honorable Joe Morelle
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Baldwin and Collins and Representatives Morelle and Fitzpatrick,

The undersigned organizations, which represent patients and providers across the country, would like to thank you for reintroducing the Screening for Communities to Receive Early and Equitable Needed Services (SCREENS) for Cancer Act. We pledge our support for this bicameral and bipartisan legislation, which will reauthorize the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), empowering the program to continue its over three decades of providing quality breast and cervical health services.

Since its founding in 1991, NBCCEDP has served more than 6.4 million people detecting nearly 80,000 invasive breast cancers, over 25,000 premalignant breast lesions, nearly 5,300 cervical cancers, and over 248,000 premalignant cervical lesions. The program, which is a state-federal partnership, provides public education, outreach, patient navigation and care coordination to increase breast and cervical cancer screening rates and reach people in rural and urban communities alike. NBCCEDP funding also supports interventions which help address inequities in breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnosis. The program focuses on factors at the interpersonal, organizational, community and policy levels that influence screening.

The program remains as crucial as ever. Last reauthorized in 2007, NBCCEDP has a legacy of reaching populations in need and providing high-quality care, giving people across the country access to needed breast and cervical health services. The NBCCEDP provides lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic services, and navigation into treatment to women with low-incomes and inadequate insurance in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, tribes or tribal organizations.

The SCREENS for Cancer Act preserves access to vital public health infrastructure that has a proven track record of improving cancer screening rates in vulnerable populations. This legislation would provide flexibility to NBCCEDP grantees, allowing for a greater emphasis on implementing innovative evidence-based interventions and aggressive outreach to communities through media, peer educators and patient navigators. Reauthorizing the NBCCEDP will enable a deeper reach into underresourced communities, leading to more people being screened, more cancers being diagnosed at earlier stages and ultimately better outcomes for people at lower costs to our health care system.

We look forward to working with you on this important legislation. If you need anything or have questions, please reach out to Valerie Nelson, Susan G. Komen's Manager of Federal Policy & Advocacy, at vnelson@komen.org.

Sincerely,

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American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
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Check for a Lump
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Living Beyond Breast Cancer
Men Supporting Women with Cancer
NAACP
National Comprehensive Cancer Network
National Consortium of Breast Centers
Oncology Nursing Society
Prevent Cancer Foundation
SHARE Cancer Support
Society of Breast Imaging
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Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation
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