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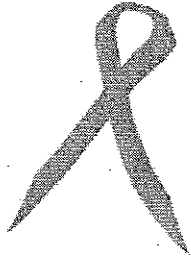
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BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR FOR LIFE

ADDRESSING THE NEED TO REGAIN HEALTH
AFTER LIFE-CHANGING CANCER TREATMENTS

Dear Colleague:

The United States has made great strides in survival rates for breast cancer. Current estimates suggest that there are now over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living within the U.S. of all races and ages. This translates into one woman being diagnosed with breast cancer every 3 minutes. Early diagnosed breast cancer now has a greater than 90% survival rate at 5 years.

Other breast cancer focused bills (H.R. 995, H.R. 1691, H.R. 1740, and H.R. 2279), have addressed prevention, treatment, research and quality of care issues surrounding the disease itself, but the **Breast Cancer Survivor for Life Act** focuses on the health and life of a person after initial treatment has ended. Currently, evidence-based answers are limited for breast cancer survivorship care. The **Breast Cancer Survivor for Life Act** seeks to address the lack of research and patient programs, including both the prevention of second cancers, as well as the prevention and control of specific, predictable adverse treatment-related outcomes (such as musculoskeletal symptoms, neuropathy, reduced cardiac function, lymphedema, weight gain, fatigue, sterility, sexual dysfunction and menopausal symptoms, and employment problems), to optimize health after breast cancer.

At present, it is commonly known that these treatment related side-effects occur at alarming rates; and patients, providers and researchers all agree that this is unacceptable. The BCSL Act focuses on this emerging field of long-term, post-treatment care. Research, along with dissemination of research findings; personalized service delivery and assessment of outcomes; and long-term management of the late effects of breast cancer will improve the health and quality of life for all.

The **Breast Cancer Survivor for Life Act** authorizes \$10 million per year for 5 years in grant funds for: public education campaigns; healthcare professional education; and breast survivor care research and programs. Surviving breast cancer isn't easy, but supporting survivors should be.

Celebrate life and join me -- cosponsor the **Breast Cancer Survivor for Life Act** by contacting my staff, Sarah Lochner, at sarah.lochner@mail.house.gov or 5-2865.

Very truly yours,


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