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NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION

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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Hillary:

On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) and for me personally, I want to thank you for your outstanding leadership in supporting public policies that will truly move us forward toward eradicating breast cancer. Today, I am writing to specifically thank you for your support of federally funded treatment dollars for low-income women screened and diagnosed through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, as included in the President's FY 2001 budget this year.

As I know you understand, this funding would close the loop that exists in the current federal program that screens low-income women for breast and cervical cancer, and then leaves them to rely on a fragile and deteriorating system of charity care when they are diagnosed. We appreciate your recognition that screening must be coupled with treatment to reduce mortality, and your leadership in ensuring that these low-income women receive the breast and cervical cancer treatment they need and deserve.

The National Breast Cancer Coalition is very proud of the collaboration we have had with the Administration over the past 8 years. Without you, we wouldn't be where we are today. We look forward to a continued partnership with you to get the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, S. 662/H.R. 1070 enacted this year.

Thank you again for the extraordinary work that you have done, and the work that you continue to do.

Sincerely,

Fran Visco
President