



Empowering women to find out their breast density, learn their options, and take charge of their breast cancer screening.



Support the FIND IT EARLY ACT

What's the problem?

The denser your breasts, the higher your risk of developing breast cancer (1), AND the less likely mammography alone will detect it (2). For women facing higher risk due to breast density, additional screening is needed, but often not covered by insurance, leaving millions of women at risk for later stage diagnosis.

What's the solution?

The Find It Early Act was introduced in December of 2022 by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT) and Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA), calling for insurance coverage for mammograms and diagnostic mammograms as well as additional screening for women with dense breasts and other risk factors, with no cost sharing.

How can you help?

Urge your congressperson to co-sponsor the bill by following 4 simple steps:

1. **Click** www.democracy.io
2. **Enter** your current address, then choose the representative(s) you would like to reach.
3. **Fill in the form** with the following information.

TITLE - Please co-sponsor the Find It Early Act

MESSAGE - Copy and paste the message below into the form. Leave it as-is, or change it as you see fit. Better yet, write your own story explaining why this bill is important to you and those you love.

4. **Send** **TOPICS** - Health or Women's Issues

----- sample text for the body of your message -----

I am writing today as your constituent to urge you to co-sponsor the re-introduced Find It Early Act (H.R.3086), a bipartisan piece of legislation that would ensure all health insurance plans cover screening and diagnostic mammograms and additional screening for women with dense breasts and other high risk factors, with no cost-sharing.

Early detection is key to the effective treatment of breast cancer – 99 percent of women who receive an early diagnosis survive it. Unfortunately, women often have to pay high out-of-pocket costs for additional screenings due to risk factors such as breast density or family history. Many women have a heightened risk of breast cancer but cannot afford the cost of screening and will choose to delay or forgo these crucial tests. This decision often leads to later stage diagnoses when breast cancer is less treatable or possibly incurable, and therefore terminal. The bipartisan Find It Early Act would eliminate this ‘hidden cost’ of breast cancer diagnosis by requiring private and government insurers to cover the out-of-pocket costs often faced by women who require additional screenings to diagnose their cancer. This policy change would increase the early detection of breast cancer, thereby saving countless lives, and saving exorbitant costs of later stage cancer care.

I urge you to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation that will help more women access essential, and potentially life-saving, screenings services for breast cancer. **Thank you sincerely for taking action to represent the interests of your constituents and for playing an integral part in saving countless lives.**

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