



**BREAST CANCER REMAINS AN EPIDEMIC.** There are more than 3.5 million women and thousands of men living with breast cancer in the United States. In 2019, approximately 331,530 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women, 268,600 invasive and 62,930 in situ and 2,670 new cases in men. In the United States alone, an estimated 41,760 women and 500 men will die. We still do not know what causes breast cancer, how to prevent it, or how to stop it from metastasizing or cure it once it does. Breast cancer is a political issue that remains an urgent health crisis.

**The National Breast Cancer Coalition**

The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) is a powerful voice, speaking for women and men across the country, demanding an end to breast cancer through the power of action and advocacy. NBCC links hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals into a dynamic, diverse coalition that gives breast cancer a meaningful voice in Washington, DC and state capitals, in laboratories and health care institutions, and in local communities everywhere.

**Breast Cancer is a Political Issue**

NBCC’s 2019 Public Policy Platform is summarized below. Candidates and public officials will be held accountable for how they vote and govern with regard to this Platform.

**RESEARCH: The federal government must**

- Appropriate sufficient funds annually to support meaningful breast cancer research and develop policies that guarantee transparency, oversight and accountability of that investment.
- Appropriate \$150 million for fiscal year 2020 and again in 2021 for the DOD peer-reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program.

**ACCESS:** Health care is a basic human right. The federal government must guarantee that all individuals have access to patient centered, evidence based, high quality and affordable health care and

- Assure Medicaid coverage for treatment of low-income women screened and diagnosed with breast cancer in connection with federal programs.
- Waive the waiting periods for Medicare and disability benefits for those with metastatic breast cancer who qualify under Social Security.

**INFLUENCE:** The federal government must ensure that trained and educated advocates have a seat at all tables where breast cancer research, health care and policy decisions are made and implemented.

**NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION BREAST CANCER POLICY PLATFORM ENDORSEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ do endorse and  
(position/candidate for)

pledge my support for the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Breast Cancer Policy Platform.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_