

## Phone Call Script

This is a script for a phone call to your Representatives' or Senators' offices, to ask them to cosponsor the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. The office phone number is available on each Member's Congressional website.

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a breast cancer advocate and member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. I'm a constituent of [Representative or Senator \_\_\_\_\_], and I'm calling to ask him/her to cosponsor [**H.R. 2178 or S. 1374**], **the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act**. The bipartisan bill already has \_\_\_ cosponsors in the House and \_\_\_ in the Senate. We need your support to save lives.

This bill will provide women and men living with metastatic breast cancer who already qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance immediate access to critical and lifesaving support and medical care. Under the current law, these individuals have to wait five months for SSDI and 24 months for Medicare benefits to take effect.

I urge [Representative or Senator \_\_\_\_\_], to sign on as a cosponsor for the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act.

Thank you for your time! Breast cancer is a political issue, and leadership from [Representative or Senator \_\_\_\_\_] is crucial to helping patients, survivors, and their families.

## Sample Email to Your Member

This is a sample email to send to your Representatives or Senators, seeking their cosponsorship for the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. You can find their office email address on their Congressional website, or copy and paste the text of your email into a "Contact Us" form on the site.

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Dear Senator/Representative xxxxxx

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a breast cancer advocate and a member of the National Breast Cancer Coalition. As a [survivor/family member of a survivor/breast cancer patient/someone who cares deeply about ending breast cancer], I write to ask that you sign onto [**H.R. 2178/S. 1374**], **the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act**, as a cosponsor. Your support can ensure that this bipartisan bill becomes law.

[H.R. 2178/S. 1374] will waive the unnecessary waiting period for benefits and Medicare for those with metastatic breast cancer who are eligible for SSDI. The average survival of

those with metastatic breast cancer is 3 years. These waiting periods pose added burdens on these patients and their families. Too often these individuals are deemed eligible, but die waiting for benefits, at increased suffering to them and their families. With your cosponsorship on this bill, we can come one step closer to bringing these much-needed benefits to those affected by metastatic breast cancer.

I hope I can receive your support on this bill.

Thank you for your time, support, and leadership!

Sincerely,