

November 28, 2023

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin

U.S. Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins

U.S. Senate
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joseph Morelle

U.S. House of Representatives
1317 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick

U.S. House of Representatives
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Support for the Screening for Communities to Receive Early and Equitable Needed Services (SCREENS) for Cancer Act

Dear Senators Baldwin and Collins and Representatives Morelle and Fitzpatrick,

On behalf of the Cancer Early Detection Alliance ([CEDA](https://www.cedalliance.org)), we are pleased to support the Screening for Communities to Receive Early and Equitable Needed Services (SCREENS) for Cancer Act (S. 1840/H.R. 3916). CEDA is a unique coalition of patient, provider, and industry advocates committed to using our collective voice to represent the full spectrum of cancer prevention. CEDA's mission is to promote and expand access to quality, equitable care, and early cancer detection.

As advocates for improving early cancer detection and access to screenings, we applaud your leadership on this critical legislation and your commitment to reducing barriers to breast and cervical cancer screenings. If passed, S. 1840/H.R. 3916 would reauthorize the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP).

The statutory modernization proposed in the SCREENS for Cancer Act is necessary to ensure NBCCEDP grantees have the flexibility to implement evidence-based interventions and aggressive outreach to hard-to-screen populations. Reauthorizing NBCCEDP for another five years will improve the rate of cancer screenings across communities leading to more people being screened, more cancers being diagnosed at earlier stages, and ultimately better outcomes for patients.

CEDA agrees the provisions outlined in the SCREENS for Cancer Act are key to reducing access barriers to breast and cervical cancer screenings, as well as increasing public awareness regarding the value of breast and cervical cancer screenings for at-risk populations. Furthermore, we believe these measures will preserve access to the vital public health infrastructure that supports improving cancer screening rates in under-resourced communities.



We thank you and your colleagues for supporting this critical legislation and improving access to breast and cervical cancer screenings. For additional information on how CEDA can be a resource to you and your staff, or questions regarding our support for S. 1840/H.R. 3916, please contact Peggy Tighe, J.D., at Peggy.Tighe@PowersLaw.com.

Sincerely,

[Cancer Early Detection Alliance](#)