

## Find It Early Act (HR 3086) Supporting Organizations

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Beginning Sept 2024, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will require that women be informed after their mammograms whether their breasts are “dense” or “not dense.” Women with dense breasts or at higher risk of breast cancer (e.g., inherited genetic variations, family/personal history of cancer, or other reason), benefit from increased cancer detection with supplemental screenings such as ultrasound or MRI in addition to their mammogram. Unfortunately, insurance coverage for those tests is not assured and can vary from state to state and insurer to insurer.

**We are pleased to support the introduction of the Find It Early Act (HR 3086) introduced by Reps. Rosa DeLauro and Brian Fitzpatrick. The legislation would ensure that all insurance programs cover additional breast imaging at no cost to the patient, close loopholes inherent in individual state insurance laws, and cover both private and public plans including TRICARE and VHA. This law would make possible the earliest stage breast cancer diagnosis possible, when breast cancer is most treatable and survivable.**

It is too often the case that women with dense breasts or who are at higher risk are informed they would benefit from additional breast screening, then discover the onus is on them to navigate getting approvals from their insurance provider. This can kick off a frustrating cycle of phone calls, correspondence, denials, appeals and more phone calls. Some of these women, *who would clearly benefit from screening in addition to their mammogram*, just give up.

The Find it Early Act will help ensure that when a woman is told that her mammogram might not be enough – she will not have to struggle to pay for additional imaging, *or* choose between household bills and a recommended test, *or* spread the cost of a test over one year and skip the next year because the cost of the exam has strained her budget.

We strongly support this timely legislation, which will provide life-saving examinations for the many American women who need them.

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Society of Breast Surgeons  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists

AHRA – The Association for Medical Imaging Management  
Black Women’s Health Imperative  
Breast Cancer Research Foundation  
Breast Care for Washington  
Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer  
Bright Pink  
Check for a Lump  
Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
DenseBreast-info, Inc.  
Elizabeth Wende Breast Care  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
General Federation of Women’s Clubs of North Carolina  
Susan G. Komen  
Living Beyond Breast Cancer  
Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance  
Men Supporting Women With Cancer  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Consortium of Breast Centers  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Medical Association  
National Women’s Health Network  
NorthShore University HealthSystem / Teaching Affiliate of the University of Chicago  
PA Breast Cancer Coalition  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Radiology Business Management Association  
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Service Women’s Action Network  
Sharsharet  
Society of Breast Imaging  
Tigerlily Foundation  
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Woman’s Club of Raleigh