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**We need your help to get lawmakers to pass the**

**Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act (MBCACA)!**

**Background:**

In 2018 the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) created draft legislation, identified lead sponsors, and the bill was introduced. Both NBCC and the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition (WBCC) made this legislation a priority and have worked tirelessly since the bill was introduced to make this legislation passed into law.

This year due to NBCC and WBCC advocacy efforts, this legislation was reintroduced: S.1312 / H.R. 3183, the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act.

The MBCACA waives Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicare waiting periods for eligible individuals with metastatic breast cancer who already qualify. The waiting periods make no sense for people with metastatic breast cancer. There is currently no cure. Too many individuals with this disease die waiting for their benefits. Immediate access to SSDI and Medicare benefits is critically important to help ease overwhelming distress and financial burden on these individuals and their families.

This bill will eliminate the waiting periods for metastatic breast cancer patients who already quality for the benefits.

Let’s push Congress to move this bill to the floor. We need more cosponsors to help make Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act S.1312 / H.R. 3183 enacted into law.

**Action: Call the office of your Representative and the office of each Senator**

**Urge our Members of Congress to cosponsor S. 1312 / H.R. 3183.**

Please give the following message to the staffer who answers the phone in your Representative’s office. Also, please call the offices of Senator Johnson and Senator Baldwin with the same message. A record is kept on how many calls are received on a specific issue each day. If you are a person living with metastatic breast cancer and/or a constituent, please be sure to add that along with your message.

**“I am calling today to urge Representative ——— (or Senator ———) to sign on as a cosponsor of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act S. 1312 / H.R. 3183.”**

If you care to, you may add a personal message or something about the bill as noted in the first paragraph but no more than a couple sentences. Brief is best.

**Contact information:**

**Senators:**

Senator Ron Johnson 224-5323 Senator Tammy Baldwin 224-5653

**Representatives:**

Bryan Steil 225-3031 Scott Fitzgerald 225-5101

Mark Pocan 225-2906 Glenn Grothman\* 225-2476

Ron Kind 225-5506 Tom Tiffany 225-3365

Gwen Moore\* 225-4572 Mike Gallagher 225-5665

Please note: Representatives Moore\* and Grothman\* have already signed on as cosponsors Please call their offices to thank them for cosponsoring the bill if you are a constituent.

**PLEASE SHARE THIS ALERT AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION**

 **TODAY AND THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!**