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Representative Steven Horsford
U.S. House of Representatives
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Representative Robert C.
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U.S. House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office
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April 15, 2020

Dear Representatives Dingell, Horsford, & Scott,

As you know, the National Breast Cancer Coalition is a grassroots organization dedicated to action and advocacy. We are a coalition of many diverse groups around the country, focused on our mission to end breast cancer. Since our inception in 1991, we have been fighting for access to high quality, evidence-based healthcare for all individuals.

We commend your leadership in helping individuals across the country gain access to healthcare during these difficult times. Like you, NBCC believes that now more than ever, individuals must have access to affordable health care for all their medical needs. For this reason, we are pleased to support The Worker Health Coverage Protection Act you introduced yesterday. We agree that requiring the government to cover the full cost of COBRA premiums for up to 15 months for workers who receive coverage through their job but have been laid off or are subject to reduced hours is a critical national priority at this time.

On April 7, we sent a letter urging policymakers to include the following in the next stimulus package:

- o Open enrollment on Healthcare.gov and allow individuals to sign up for health insurance on the Affordable Care Act exchange through a special enrollment period.
- o Provide financial assistance to workers who are laid off, furloughed, or have reduced hours so that they can maintain their job-based coverage through COBRA.
- o Provide incentives for states to expand Medicaid by increasing the federal share of the cost.

As this public health emergency continues unabated, everyone must have access to the healthcare they need. We are grateful for your commitment to saving lives. NBCC stands ready to work with you on this significant public health priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Visco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fran Visco
President