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Dear Congresswoman De Lauro,

We are writing in support of your bill that would end “drive through mastectomies” in the United States. We have a similar, though not as encompassing, bill in Connecticut and we have found that it has greatly benefited women in the state who have breast cancer. We have spoken with many women who stayed in the hospital after mastectomy and were taught by nurses how to take care of themselves once they got home. They were thrilled to have had the time and instruction. Women who had the surgery before the bill was passed here were not so lucky. One recounts being forced out of the hospital after a few hours – she had a difficult time at home, as she didn’t really know what to do with the bandages and the like.

That’s why we whole-heartedly support this legislation – as no woman deserves to have a “drive through mastectomy”. We all deserve equal access to quality health care.

Thank you,

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