



*formerly known as Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization*

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Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro  
2262 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC

Dear Congresswoman DeLauro:

We are writing in support of the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act (H.R. 758).

The mission of Breast Cancer Network of Strength, formerly Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, is to ensure that no one faces breast cancer alone. To fulfill that mission, our 24/7 hotline answers over 40,000 calls each year from those diagnosed and/or touched by breast cancer. Our trained breast cancer survivors offer callers support and information.

We are appalled when calls are received from women who have been told that their insurance will not cover a hospital stay after a mastectomy. These women are trying to deal with the fearful diagnosis of breast cancer and then often face going home the same day of this major surgery, alone. While we recognize that some women are comfortable doing this, it should be a decision made solely between the patient and her physician -- not the health insurance company.

Breast Cancer Network of Strength supports the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act (H.R. 758) because women should not have to negotiate recovery time in the hospital after a mastectomy. Let's put the health care decision making in the hands of those who know best – patients and their doctors.

Sincerely,

Kay Wissmann  
Director of Government Relations