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January 3, 2021

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn United States Senate 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-4206

Dear Senator Blackburn:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you re-introduce in the 117th Congress **Protecting Access to Lifesaving Screenings (PALS) Act**. The NRLN issued an Action Alert to our members on March 3, 2020 and thousands of letters were sent to Representative in support of your bill.

As you know, the **PALS Act** would postpone recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) that would limit access to breast cancer screening for women in their 40s. It would continue the moratorium on the USPSTF recommendations, which Congress has extended several times.

The NRLN supports your position that early detection of breast cancer is key to survival and that access to affordable screenings plays a major role in whether women receive mammography services. Your **PALS Act** would ensure women continue to be covered for breast cancer screenings at no cost.

Sincerely, Bit Kadarait

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