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D. Margaret Drury
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Dear Ms. Drury and Ms. Lopez:

Thank you for your letter and the Cambridge City Council Resolution encouraging efforts for research to eradicate breast cancer. I apologize for the delay in my response.

Estimates are that in 1996, about 182,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. I have for many years urged increasing support for breast cancer research in the Senate, and am the sponsor of two bills to improve care for victims of this disease, by requiring provision of minimal periods of hospitalization and for reconstruction surgery after mastectomy.

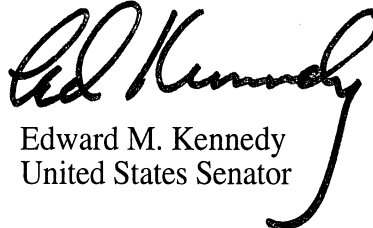
Congress has expanded breast cancer research efforts at the National Institutes of Health - National Cancer Institute, at the Communicable Disease Center, the Food and Drug Administration, and at the Department of Defense. The National Institute of Health budget for breast cancer research has increased from 229 million dollars in fiscal year 1991 to 403 million dollars for 1996.

I continue to support further increases to fight this major problem. Nearly one in nine women will have to confront this illness during their lifetimes.

In the past few years, we have learned a great deal about the nature, the epidemiology, the impact, and the genetics of this disease. It is my hope and belief that by further research we will be better able to control, cure, and then eradicate it.

Thank you for contacting me with your views.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator

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Communication was received from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, transmitting his appreciation for the City Council resolution regarding research to eradicate breast cancer.

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