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May 14, 2019

The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Liz Cheney
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Speier and Cheney

On behalf of the more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), I would like to thank you for introducing the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2019. This legislation would reauthorize the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for eight years. Since its release in 1998, more than one billion of these stamps have been sold in the United States, raising more than \$87.6 million for cutting edge breast cancer research. However, the current authorization of the stamp expires this year. The ACS Cancer Programs and the Commission on Cancer (CoC) are dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through advocacy of issues pertaining to prevention and research. ACS appreciates your leadership in recognizing the importance of authorizing the stamp and its contribution to funding critical cancer research.

Breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death in women. According to the National Cancer Institute, 1 in 8 women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1989, with larger decreases in women younger than 50. These decreases are believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment. Thanks to breakthroughs in cancer research, more women are surviving this deadly disease. Every dollar raised to support research can help save more lives.

The ACS believes, along with this legislation, that supporting funding for cancer research and

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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The Honorable Mike Enzi
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Dear Senators Feinstein and Enzi:

On behalf of the more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), I would like to thank you for introducing the *Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2019*. This legislation would reauthorize the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for eight years. Since its release in 1998, more than one billion of these stamps have been sold in the United States, raising more than \$87.8 million for cutting edge breast cancer research. However, the current authorization of the stamp expires this year. The ACS Cancer Programs and the Commission on Cancer (CoC) are dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through advocacy of issues pertaining to prevention and research. ACS appreciates your leadership in recognizing the importance of reauthorizing the stamp and its contribution to funding critical cancer research.

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