



October 5, 2023

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Katie Britt
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 205150

RE: Support for the *Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act of 2023 (S.2464)*

Dear Senator Shaheen and Senator Britt:

The [American Society of Breast Surgeons](#) (ASBrS) is the primary leadership organization for surgeons who treat patients with breast cancer and benign breast diseases. ASBrS is committed to continually improving the practice of breast surgery by serving as an advocate for those who seek excellence in the care of breast patients. Founded in 1995, the Society now has more than 3,100 members throughout the United States and in 35 countries around the world. Active membership is open to surgeons with a special interest in breast disease.

On behalf of ASBrS, I write to express support for the *Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act of 2023*, which would prohibit plans offering group or individual health insurance from imposing cost-sharing requirements on diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations. While cost-free coverage has been critical to expand access to routine screening, such coverage becomes far less meaningful if women cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with follow-up testing upon detection of an abnormality. S.2464 would close that gap by ensuring cost-free access to follow-up testing, including supplemental testing when warranted by a woman's personal or family medical history. The approach taken by the *Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act of 2023* is consistent with our [Breast Cancer Screening Guidelines](#), which, among other things, call for annual supplemental screening to be offered to individuals with a higher-than-average risk of breast cancer.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of breast cancer patients. We share your goal of ensuring access to high-quality breast cancer prevention, screening, and treatment. If we can ever be of assistance as we work towards that goal, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sharon Grutman, Director of Advocacy, Communications, and Quality Initiatives, at sgrutman@breastsurgeons.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan K. Boolbol'.

Susan K. Boolbol, MD, FACS

President

The American Society of Breast Surgeons