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The Honorable Jackie Speier
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Liz Cheney
U.S. House of Representatives
416 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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 \$87.8 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.

Breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death in women. According to the National Cancer Institute, 1 in 8 women in the U.S. 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 prevention programs at the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control should be a top priority. Adequately funding these programs will ensure that more Americans are screened for cancer, that we are able to monitor state- and local-based cancer patterns and trends, and provide greater support for awareness and education programs.

Your acknowledgement of the need to ensure that breast cancer research is maintained as a top priority is greatly appreciated, and we thank you again for your leadership and commitment.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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The Honorable Mike Enzi
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