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WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND
THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February 15, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building, Room 241
6 Bladen St
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk,

On behalf of the majority of the Women Legislators of Maryland members, we are writing to support **HB965 Maryland Department of Health – Breast Cancer Program – Eligibility and Public Awareness Campaign**. This legislation has been identified as one of our priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

This bill alters the eligibility requirements for certain screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations provided by the Breast Cancer Program to include women under the age of 45 years who are considered high risk for breast cancer. This legislation ensures that women under 45 years have access to breast cancer screening regardless of income or health coverage. The Women Legislators of Maryland fully support the health and well-being of women and, therefore, offer full support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith J. Patterson".

Delegate Edith J. Patterson
President