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National Cancer Institute
Dr. Bennett

RE: Breast Cancer Research

Dear Dr. Bennett:

There is no cure for Stage IV (metastatic) breast cancer. Even with the concentrated efforts aimed at the goals of prevention and early detection we continue to see over 40,000 women with breast cancer dying every year (15% of all cancer deaths).

I commend the Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel's ten research goals but immediately need the National Cancer Institute to make the commitment to allocate significantly more of its breast cancer funding towards research interventions for those specifically with Stage IV disease; research aimed at increasing lifespan, quality of life and an eventual cure.

As the Director of the NCI Center for Research Strategy you have a major influence towards the full eradication of breast cancer deaths, a goal that MUST include the needs and wellbeing of people with metastatic disease.

Today's research results may be too late to help Mary Gooze or others with MBC but I hope to see a world where sisters, wives, daughters, and granddaughters can live without the threat of dying from breast cancer. Research is our best hope.

Yours truly,

An Advocate of We Need More for Stage IV
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