



March 10, 2026

The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks
United States Senate
374 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Katie Britt
United States Senate
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Alsobrooks and Britt:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), thank you for your leadership in advancing the nation's cardiovascular health through the bipartisan *Women's Heart Health Expansion Act* (S. 3944). The ACC strongly supports this legislation and commends your efforts to reauthorize and expand the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) program.

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death among American women and accounts for a significant share of national health expenditures. Yet too many women lack access to timely cardiovascular risk screening and preventive services. The WISEWOMAN program has demonstrated that targeted, community-based screening and lifestyle interventions can help women manage risk factors that prevent progression to heart attack or stroke.

However, current limitations unnecessarily restrict participation in WISEWOMAN by requiring women to be not only eligible for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) but also active recipients of NBCCEDP services to access referral. The *Women's Heart Health Expansion Act* appropriately removes these barriers, granting CDC, states, and tribal organizations flexibility to develop additional referral pathways and enabling broader provider participation. By authorizing \$250 million over five years to support nationwide expansion, the bill makes a meaningful investment in prevention and improving access to necessary care.

As the voice of the cardiovascular care community, the ACC supports policies that prioritize early detection, risk factor management, and coordinated care to strengthen prevention efforts and connect patients to the care they need. Expanding WISEWOMAN aligns with evidence-based prevention strategies and addresses longstanding disparities in cardiovascular outcomes. Prevention is both lifesaving and fiscally responsible and strengthening WISEWOMAN is a critical step toward reducing avoidable heart disease morbidity and mortality nationwide.

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We applaud your leadership in introducing this important legislation and stand ready to assist in ensuring its successful implementation. The ACC is committed to working alongside policymakers, clinicians, public health leaders, and state partners to advance access to preventive cardiovascular care. For any questions or additional information, please contact ACC's Congressional Affairs Manager, Foster Curry, at FCurry@acc.org.

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February 19, 2026

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The Honorable Sanford Bishop
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Shontel Brown
2455 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Juan Ciscomani
461 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
271 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lois Frankel
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Lawler
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gwen Moore
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Christopher Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Beatty, Bishop, Brown, Cherfilus-McCormick, Ciscomani, DeLauro, Dingell, Fitzpatrick, Frankel, Lawler, Moore, and Smith:

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