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H. R. 1657

To provide funding for programs at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences regarding breast cancer in younger women, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. LEE, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Annie Fox Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Breast cancer is a serious health concern
8 for all women, striking more women in the world

1 than any other type of cancer other than skin can-
2 cer.

3 (2) In the past 50 years, women's lifetime risk
4 of breast cancer has nearly tripled in the United
5 States.

6 (3) Despite notable progress in efforts to ex-
7 pand knowledge of breast cancer and its causes,
8 there is still much to learn, and financial resources
9 are needed to accomplish this goal.

10 (4) Broadening the scope of current research to
11 include underrepresented populations, in particular
12 women who are 15 to 40 years of age, is necessary
13 to have a comprehensive understanding of breast
14 cancer and the long-term health effects of cancer
15 treatments on younger women.

16 (5) Breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer
17 death in women who are 15 to 40 years of age.

18 (6) Approximately 11,000 women under the age
19 of 40 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year,
20 of which nearly 1,300 will die.

21 (7) There are nearly 250,000 women in the
22 United States under the age of 40 currently living
23 with breast cancer.

24 (8) Breast cancer tends to be more aggressive
25 in younger women than in their post-menopausal

counterparts due to the lack of appropriate diagnostic tools and screening devices, and inadequate education about the disease among younger women and the medical community.

(9) Because younger women’s cancers are generally more aggressive, they typically have lower survival rates than their post-menopausal counterparts.

(10) Younger women with breast cancer are confronted with many issues that their post-menopausal counterparts do not face, including the possibility of early menopause, pregnancy after diagnosis, generally more advanced cancers at diagnosis, and higher mortality rates.

(11) Younger women are virtually excluded from breast cancer studies, most of which are conducted on women over the age of 45.

**SEC. 3. PROGRAMS AT NIEHS REGARDING BREAST CANCER
IN YOUNGER WOMEN.**

Supbart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285l et seq.; relating to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“PROGRAMS REGARDING BREAST CANCER IN YOUNGER
WOMEN

“SEC. 463B. (a) EXPANSION AND COORDINATION OF
ACTIVITIES.—The Director of the Institute shall expand,

1 intensify, and coordinate the activities of the Institute re-
2 garding breast cancer in younger women.

3 “(b) RESEARCH.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
4 Director of the Institute shall provide for an expansion
5 and intensification of the conduct and support of basic and
6 clinical research on the causes, prevention, detection,
7 treatment, and long-term effects of breast cancer in
8 younger women, including the long-term effects of treat-
9 ment.

10 “(c) INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.—In carrying
11 out subsection (a), the Director of the Institute shall pro-
12 vide for an expansion and intensification of the conduct
13 and support of information and education programs for
14 health professionals and the public regarding breast can-
15 cer in younger women.

16 “(d) REPORTS.—The Director of the Institute shall
17 prepare, for inclusion in the biennial report submitted
18 under section 407, a report that includes a description of
19 the activities of the Institute under this section, and such
20 other comments and recommendations regarding breast
21 cancer in younger women as the Director considers appro-
22 priate.

23 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
24 purpose of expanding, intensifying, and coordinating ac-
25 tivities regarding breast cancer in younger women under

1 this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
2 \$9,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2009,
3 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2010
4 through 2014. Such authorizations of appropriations are
5 in addition to any other authorizations of appropriations
6 available for such purpose.”.

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