



## Susan G. Komen® Utah supports the Healthy Utah Plan

The Healthy Utah Plan will help to ensure uninsured women in Utah have access to high-quality breast health screening and treatment services. Susan G. Komen is committed to ensuring that all women have access to the cancer care that can save their lives.

- The Healthy Utah Plan makes economic sense and provides the legislature with an unprecedented opportunity to provide quality care to our most vulnerable citizens.
- The plan will allow for Utah to recapture millions of taxpayer dollars by taking advantage of incentives for expanding coverage to adults up to 133 percent of the poverty level.

**More than 14 percent of Utah women  
between the ages of 19-64 are uninsured.<sup>1</sup>**

- Health insurance is key to obtaining needed health care services, and those who lack insurance are less likely to get timely and appropriate care.<sup>2</sup>
- Uninsured women with breast cancer have up to a 50 percent higher risk of dying than insured women.<sup>3</sup>
- Many women who delay screening will be diagnosed with late-stage cancers that are more difficult to treat, deadlier, and cost as much as five times more than cancers caught in earlier stages.

**An estimated 10 percent of cancer patients nationwide  
are uninsured at the time of diagnosis.<sup>4</sup>**

As advocates who care deeply about the women of our state, we urge you to support the Healthy Utah Plan. **We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to help the underserved women in our state receive the breast health and cancer care they need. For many of them, these services could one day save their lives.**

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<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. "Women's Health Insurance Coverage" December 2014

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. "Women's Health Insurance Coverage" December 2014

<sup>3</sup> Thorpe KE, Howard D. "Health Insurance and Spending Among Cancer Patients" Health Affairs 2003; W3; 189-198.

<sup>4</sup> Institute of Medicine. Insuring America's health: principles and recommendations. Washington, DC: National Academies Press; 2004.