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Ambassador Nancy Brinker, Founder and CEO
Ms. Liz Thompson, President
Susan G. Komen for the Cure
5005 LBJ Freeway
Suite 250
Dallas, TX 75244

Dear Ambassador Brinker and Ms. Thompson:

The Puget Sound Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Board of Directors and Staff express our extreme disappointment and frustration with the new grant policy adopted by Komen National. As we communicated with Komen National last month on behalf of our Board and Staff, we believe that this policy is overly broad and strips the authority from affiliates to determine how to best serve our local communities with the funds entrusted to us by our donors. We were further dismayed at Komen National's failure to consider feedback from the affiliates before taking this action.

We believe this policy is misguided and respectfully reiterate our request that the policy be rescinded or revised to permit greater flexibility to the affiliates to evaluate grant applicants and, together with Komen National, determine whether an applicant should be ineligible for funding.

We must consider the implications of this policy on women worldwide.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joni Earl".

Joni Earl
President Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Shaw".

Cheryl Shaw
Executive Director