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Over the past 23 years, the Baltimore City Cancer Program, (BCCP) @ University of Maryland Greenbaum Comprehensive Cancer Center have served the uninsured/underinsured communities throughout Baltimore City and the surrounding metropolitan area. We have educated over 39,000 women and men about the importance of Breast, Cervical and Colorectal cancer screenings. To date BCCP has found a total of 165 cancers. 152 breast, 9 cervical, 2 colorectal, and 2 oral cancers. We have a 92.3% survivor rate.

BCCP has found that one of the major barriers to these most important cancer screenings for patient's are the difficulties of getting off from work. Some do not get paid or can't afford to take off, due to the demands of their job. **HB0949: Paid Leave for Cancer Screenings** would be a welcome addition for state employees. This would allow the employee to complete their annual cancer screening exams and to also continue to reduce the incidences of cancer in the State of Maryland. BCCP is hoping this bill will be considered for the health of our Marylander's.

Sincerely,

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