



## **RESTORE FUNDING for the Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

### **Background**

The Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is a state and federally funded program that annually provides more than 14,000 low-income, medically underserved Florida women access to cancer screening and diagnostic testing services. More than 300 of those women screened will be diagnosed with cancer and provided a pathway to lifesaving treatment services through Florida Medicaid.

***Neither the House nor Senate budget maintains the \$1.8 million in nonrecurring state funds.***

***Proposed funding is slashed from \$2.1 million to \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2017-18.***

### **Impact**

- The \$1.8 million funding reduction will result in nearly 3,500 Florida women currently served by the program being denied access to screening and early detection services in the coming budget year.
- Federal funding for the program could be jeopardized if state funding is cut, further reducing the number of women served by the program.
- The Florida Department of Health reports that the state funding reduction could also result in staff reductions at county health departments – county health department staff perform education, outreach, case management and are responsible for maintaining contracts with medical providers who deliver screening and diagnostic services to eligible women.
- Current funding only allows the program to serve 9 in 10 eligible women (6.7% of the priority population). More than 197,766 women eligible for these lifesaving screenings cannot access the program due to funding limitations.

**Support Amendments by Senator Gibson and Representative Berman  
to fund the Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

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