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August 13th, 1984

Ms. F. Wettit,
President,
A.U.C.E.,
2170 Western Park Way,
U.B.C. Campus,
Vancouver,
B.C.

Dear Ms. Wettit,

I am writing to ask that the A.U.C.E. support the Breast Screening Program. Enclosed you will find a brochure describing the program and its objectives as well as one which is suitable for distribution to prospective participants in the program. I have also included a copy of the letter which was distributed to members of the B.C. Government Employees Union.

To date, we have screened approximately 6,000 women between the ages of 40 and 59 in this program. Recruitment phase of the program will end in March 1985 and by that time we hope to have seen an additional 5,000 women. Our experience over the past 18 months has shown us that working through employers and unions enables us to reach large numbers of women. We are pleased that the women's reaction to this program is extremely favourable since we think it is a very important program for the early detection of breast cancer.

I am sending you this material now for your review and consideration. I will be in touch with you in the next couple of weeks to see if you are able to work with us so that members of your union can have access to a breast cancer screening program.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

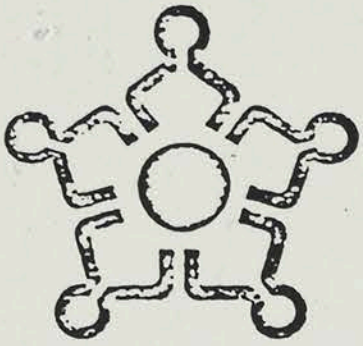
Sincerely,



Sue Rothwell,
Assistant Deputy Director,
Patient Care Services

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cc: Ms. M. Fryer



B.C. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' UNION
(AN AFFILIATE OF THE CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS)

June 25, 1984

Dear Sister:

I am writing to encourage you to support the National Breast Screening Study.

This study is dedicated to finding cancer at an early stage when potential for cure is greatest.

The study will determine whether screening women in the 40-59 age group will reduce the death rate from breast cancer and will assess the specific benefits of physical examination and mammography.

We know that breast cancer is the number one killer of women in their 40's and 50's. We also know that the earlier breast cancer can be detected, the greater the chance for cure.

We know that mammography can reveal abnormalities up to four years sooner than they can be felt. And we know that mammography can detect cancers so small that extensive surgery may not be required.

If you are anywhere between 40 and 59 years of age. If you've not had a mammogram in the past year. If you've not had breast cancer. And, if you are not pregnant, you can help women everywhere by participating in this study.

All that is required is one hour of your time. You'll receive a thorough breast examination. You'll receive individual instruction in breast self-examination. You will have a 50-50 chance of being randomly selected to receive mammography (this involves several seconds of slight pressure to receive specially monitored low-dose x-rays.)

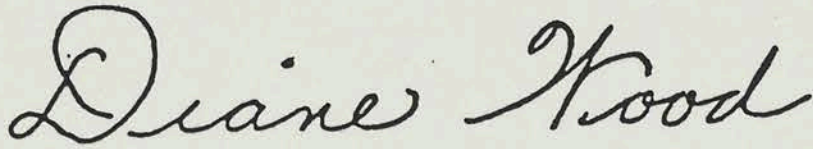
You will be closely monitored over a 4-year period. If you have an abnormality it will be detected at the earliest stage when chances for cure are highest.

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If you participate in this study, and I hope you do, you will be helping to save the lives of thousands of women everywhere. Not to mention, perhaps, your own.

To participate, call the Vancouver Breast Screening Centre, (601 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver) at 877-6109, (hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday).

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Wood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "In Solidarity," text.

Diane Wood,
2nd Vice President, BCGEU
President, BCGEU Women's Committee

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