

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**CAROL ALVARADO**

DISTRICT 145

January 31, 2012

The Honorable Nancy Brinker  
Founder & CEO  
Susan G. Komen Foundation  
5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250  
Dallas, TX 75244

Dear Ambassador Brinker:

Sometimes friends disagree. Disappointment is the only word that comes to mind as I learn that the leadership of the Susan B. Komen Foundation has taken the remarkably anti-woman stance against funding lifesaving breast cancer screenings for low-income and underserved women who seek their well-woman care at Planned Parenthood centers across the nation.

This incredibly short-sided decision, based on what I can only imagine is the propaganda and threats of extremist groups, ends an amazing partnership that over the last five years has resulted in an incredible 170,000 breast exams and 6,400 mammogram referrals.

There is so much good that we can do if we all put our differences aside and work TOGETHER. Although you have now injected yourself into the political theater, I hope that you will reconsider your decision and work to mend this now torn relationship that used to be about preventing and protecting women from breast cancer.

With Great Disappointment,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Carol Alvarado".

Carol Alvarado  
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