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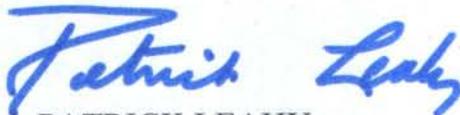
Dear Friends,

Pat Barr made me proud to be a Vermonter and I am honored to have known her friendship. She was a loving mother and wife, she was a brilliant lawyer, and she took the notion of advocacy to new heights.

Today we celebrate Pat's life and her legacy, knowing that because of her tireless work millions of women are living longer and better lives. One of my lasting memories of Pat is seeing her standing in the hallway, well past midnight, patiently explaining to individual senators why the Department of Defense should include funds for breast cancer research in its medical budget. Hundreds of millions of dollars of breast cancer research followed in her wake. That is the reward that the nation – and especially the nation's women and their families – reaped from her persistence.

Though we lost Pat all too soon, her compassion and vision live on in the work that each of you continue to do. The greatest tribute any one of us can offer to Pat and her wonderful family is our commitment to continue the crusade and redouble our efforts to eradicate breast cancer.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
United States Senator