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## General Comment

As a manager of a real estate office in Glastonbury, CT I am both shocked and saddened as to how many woman and some men do not have the benefits that many of us take advantage of (mammographies, colonoscopies and Pap smears, just to name a few. As a breast cancer, and parotid cancer survivor I am not sure I would be here without my company health insurance (I am considered an employee and have coverage, unlike most of the people I work with who are independent contractors and dont have options) . Although it is a high deductible, and a rather expensive policy, it does give me peace of mind, and many of the preventative type of procedures are covered.

I remember after my breast cancer diagnosis taking a poll of agents I worked with who had their yearly mammogram, and I was shocked by the amount of woman who said they couldnt afford it. I work with a woman know who is in the fight of her life who now has to worry about money instead of concentrating on getting better.

For the reasons I mentioned above, and for many other reasons please consider this

very important cause!

Respectfully submitted,