

April 2, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to show my support for Bill #H6018 and the Gloria Gemma foundation. My name is Jennifer Ortiz and I lost my mom Veronica to breast cancer in 2022. She was a member of Gloria Gemma the last few years she battled. Five weeks after her passing I had the honor and pleasure to meet Maria Gemma, who has now become like a mother to me. The support that this foundation has given me in my battle with grief has been tremendous. I had the privilege to be one of their first authors to forever commemorate my mom's life story. This foundation doesn't only support people that have breast cancer. They are now expanding to help Rhode Islanders with all cancers. But beyond the patient, they have taken the forefront of supporting the family as a whole. There is no other organization in this state that goes to the lengths of making you feel like you're not alone in this battle of life. If you support this bill the resources they'll be able to provide are endless. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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