Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 758: the ``Breast Care Patient Protection Act of 2008." I would like to commend my colleague, Congresswoman *Rosa DeLauro* who has fought passionately for issues like these since she entered the Congress.

Put simply, this bill protects the health of women and ensures they have the time they need to recover from difficult medical procedures. With passage of this legislation no longer will women have to feel pushed out the door following breast cancer treatment. There are too many stories of women across the country who have suffered from not being given the proper time to recover from breast cancer surgery for Congress to stand idle.

According to the Connecticut Department of Health, in 2004, 29 percent of all new diagnosed cases of cancer in Connecticut were breast cancer. This was more than any other type of cancer diagnosed in women in the State.

While we need to continue to be vigilant in the fight against the causes of breast cancer we must also ensure that those seeking treatment are given the protections to allow for them to properly recover. I again commend my colleague Ms. *DeLauro* and repeat my firm support of this legislation.