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The Honorable Senator Avery L. Lewis
Legislative Secretary
36th Legislature

Dear Senator Avery L. Lewis:

As a thriver of stage 3 breast cancer of 13 years and you can say an advocate for women to have their annual mammograms along with their annual well woman examinations, I have made it my life's work after returning home from treatment to share my journey, encourage others and raise funds to assist breast cancer patients.

I started raising money in 2012, while in active treatment by selling my "no tears" hats and donated the funds to our local American Cancer Society (ACS) to assist cancer patients. When I returned home in 2013, I created an event called "Painting the Porch Pink" and we are in our 13th year. This event's goal is to educate, encourage and raise funds for breast cancer patients in active treatment.

When I received a call from Ms. Alicia Gumbs, inviting me to the parade for the STT Majorettes' celebration of 20 years, I did not know what to expect. On April 20, 2026, at their performance at the Schneider Regional Medical Center, my mom and I were treated like royalty, with front row seats for their amazing performance. It was an honor and a humbling experience to hear my name to

come to the stage and hear the wonderful words during the presentation of their fundraiser efforts that were donated to VI Ray of Sunshine, Inc.

It is an honor to share with you their selfless act of kindness! When asked to come and testify, my answer was YES without any hesitation.

CONGRATUATIONS, STT Majorettes!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raynette A. Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "A".

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