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Rep. Shankland Presented the “Early Detection Life Saver Award”

MADISON— Today, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) announced that she has been awarded the “Early Detection Life Saver Award” in honor of Gail A. Zeamer by the Early Detection Saves Lives Coalition. The coalition selected Rep. Shankland for this award in recognition of her commitment to advance legislation aimed at the early detection of breast cancer throughout her time in the Legislature.

Upon receiving the award, Rep. Shankland released the following statement:

“This legislative session, I was proud to co-sponsor [Assembly Bill 117/Senate Bill 121](#), legislation to increase access to advanced screenings for individuals with dense breasts and those at increased risks of breast cancer. Everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer, and far too many Wisconsinites have lost loved ones.

“As lawmakers, it’s our job to enact commonsense policies that promote the safety and well-being of the people we serve. We know that early detection is critical to successfully treating breast cancer and allowing survivors to live healthy, active lives. That’s why it was an easy decision for me to support and champion legislation that expands access to life-saving breast cancer screenings.

“I want to thank the Early Detection Saves Lives Coalition for the recognition and for their consistent and steadfast advocacy to ensure everyone has access to breast cancer screenings. They have been a great partner, and I look forward to continuing our work together.”

About the Early Detection Saves Lives Coalition

The Early Detection Saves Lives Coalition is made up of leading health organizations, including AdvaMed, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, GE Healthcare, Medical College of Wisconsin, Rayus Radiology, Susan G. Komen, the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition, the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, the Wisconsin Society of Plastic Surgeons, and the Wisconsin Radiological Society.

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