

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Secretary Kennedy and Director Vought:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing millions of patients, healthcare providers, researchers, and advocates dedicated to fighting cancer, we are writing to emphasize the vital importance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control's (DCPC) work in protecting and improving America's health and reducing the burden of chronic disease. We urge you to strengthen our national commitment to supporting this work.

Cancer remains one of our nation's most significant public health challenges, affecting millions of Americans and their families, with nearly two million new cases of cancer diagnosed and more than 600,000 deaths each year. The United States has one of the highest age-standardized incidence rates of cancer in the world. In addition to the human cost of cancer, cancer care is estimated to cost the United States over \$200 billion each year. The DCPC's work is critical to understanding and lowering cancer rates, and its effort to prevent cancer, detect it early, and educate patients and providers about cancer risks is fundamental to help achieve the Administration's health care goals.

Specifically, the DCPC:

- Collects and coordinates key data on cancer cases and treatment through the National Program of Cancer Registries that is essential for any prevention strategy
- Promotes and conducts cancer screening to detect cancer at the earliest – and most easily treated – stages
- Supports locally-driven plans in all U.S. states and territories to prevent and control cancer
- Conducts key education initiatives to help raise awareness about cancer prevention and treatment

These four activities represent a small, but significant portion of a smart investment in our nation's health and economic future. The burden of chronic disease is real and profound, and progress in the fight against cancer requires a long-term commitment. We are seeing the fruits of our efforts: cancer mortality rates have declined by 34 percent over the last 30 years and it would be a tragedy to slow, or lose ground on this progress. The DCPC programs are uniquely positioned to continue to direct and support our national strategy of cancer prevention in the interest of making all Americans healthier.

We urge you to maintain and strengthen funding for these crucial activities, which are of vital interest to a healthy America now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this important work with you further.

Academy of Oncology of Nurse & Patient Navigators  
Active Surveillance Patients International  
AliveandKick'n  
American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU)  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Urological Association (AUA)  
AnCan Foundation  
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)  
Bay Area Cancer Connections  
Blackout PCa (Prostate Cancer)  
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)  
Cancer and Careers  
Cancer Support Community  
CancerCare  
Center for Urologic Care of Berks CO  
Colon Cancer Alliance for Research & Education for Lynch Syndrome  
Colon Cancer Coalition | Get Your Rear in Gear  
Colon Cancer Prevention Project  
Colorado Gynecologic Cancer Alliance  
Colorectal Cancer Alliance  
Columbus Chapter Oncology Nursing Society  
cureMEC: The Myoepithelial Carcinoma Project  
Families Fighting Hereditary Cancer  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
For the Breast of Us Foundation  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Georgia Center for Oncology Research & Education  
Georgians for a Healthy Future  
GI Cancers Alliance  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
HealthyWomen  
HIS Breast Cancer Awareness  
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network

Infinite Strength  
Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation  
Jason Farley All In For A Cure Foundation Inc  
Jscreen  
Know Your Lemons Foundation  
Livestrong  
Living Beyond Breast Cancer  
Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance  
Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance  
Malebreastcancerhappens.org  
Malecare Cancer Support  
Max Vincze Foundation  
Melanoma Research Alliance  
Melanoma Research Foundation  
Men's Health Network  
METAvivor Research and Support  
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions  
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship  
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)  
National Consumers League  
National LGBT Cancer Project  
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
National Rural Health Association  
No Stomach For Cancer  
Nueva Vida  
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Outrun the Sun  
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Patient Empowerment Network  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)  
Pennsylvania Society of Oncology and Hematology  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Prostate Network  
San Joaquin Prostate Cancer Support  
SHARE Cancer Support  
Sharsheret  
Sisters Network Inc.  
Skin of Color Society  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Southeastern Virginia Oncology Nursing Society

Stupid Cancer  
SurvivingBreastCancer.org  
Susan G. Komen  
The Beautiful Gate Cancer Support & Resource Center  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
The Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium  
The Skin Cancer Foundation  
The V Foundation for Cancer Research  
Tigerlily Foundation  
Treasure Valley Prostate Cancer Support  
Triage Cancer  
Twisted Pink  
Young Survival Coalition  
Your Prostate Cancer.help  
ZERO Prostate Cancer