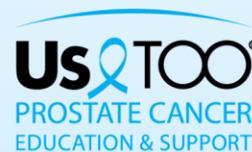


March 22, 2013

Someone to talk to...  
who understands!



Dear Friends of Us TOO and Chapter/Support Group Leaders,

Enclosed is the latest edition of the *HotSheet*—the April 2013 edition. The volunteers and staff here at Us TOO hope you find it helpful and informative.

As you might know, we have been keeping our eye on the development of the Federal budget talks at the impact on our high priority area, the Prostate Cancer Research Program within the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP). We have heard yesterday that the Senate did pass the continuing resolution with the CDMRP's fully intact. And as Kevin from ZERO tells us *"we have a little ways to go yet and that sequestration is also hanging over our heads, but full support from the House and Senate is a great win for our coalition."*

He also informed us that, *"the Committee is gearing up for fiscal year 2014 now that FY2013 is moving along and the Defense Subcommittee has a member request deadline of April 10. Reps Pete King (R-NY) and Sanford Bishop (D-GA) have sent out a dear colleague letter asking the Appropriations Committee to fund the PCRP next year. Now is the time to get folks to write their Representatives to sign the letter. This is a House of Representatives action only – I don't know what the Senate schedule will be, but I'm happy to report that we have a Republican lead to go with Sen. Johnson this year which will be helpful once we get there."*

There are a lot of options for folks to write their Congressman, including ZERO's template here is the link:

<http://www.capwiz.com/zerocancer/issues/alert/?alertid=62525081>.

I might also add that Kevin informed us that the registration is now open for the ZERO Prostate Cancer Summit on September 17-19 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. Their registration link is

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1056744>

Here at Us TOO, the Board of Directors met on March 1 & 2 and approved the new Strategic Plan. Look for details soon which will show our priority areas such as Town Hall meetings for our support group and chapter leaders. We are planning one now for Atlanta in April. We are also working actively to roll-out the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicagoland SEA Blue Walk & Run awareness event scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln Park. I want to publically thank Novartis for being the first sponsor this year, and welcome UroPartners as an active event presenter with Us TOO and Wellness Place this year. We will have the event site up soon.

I hope you enjoy the *HotSheet* and a special thank you to Dr. Chodak for fighting back from his knee injury and providing his column again this month.

My best to you all,

T. N. Kirk, President & CEO



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