



July 1, 2025

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member House Appropriations
Committee & Subcommittee on
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Dear Chair Capito, Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member Baldwin, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As members of One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a broad coalition of over 50 public interest groups representing millions of cancer patients, researchers, providers, survivors, and their families, we urgently seek your support to prevent the United States from taking large, dangerous steps backwards in our continuing fight against the more than 200 different diseases known as cancer and the millions of American families affected by them.

As we enter the last quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, OVAC seeks your leadership to urge the Administration to fully obligate remaining FY 2025 funds for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that Congress appropriated in March, and to release funds for grants that are months behind their award schedules. Progress in the fight against cancer can't continue without consistent and steady research, staff, and resources from the federal government.

Unfortunately, the granting mechanism of CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control programs, like so many others in the federal government, is virtually frozen. A significant amount of FY 2025 funds allocated for cancer screening programs, state registries, and public awareness campaigns have not been awarded, despite assurances from the Administration, leaving state health departments and grantees on the verge of shutting programs and furloughing staff. We urge you to apply additional pressure on the Administration to obligate and award these funds as quickly as possible. Further delays or terminations of these grants will have disastrous effects on cancer

screening and prevention, leading to preventable cancer deaths and stepping back from our shared commitment to make America healthy.

Looking beyond FY 2025, OVAC urges you to reject the draconian cuts that are proposed in the President's FY 2026 Budget Request—specifically, cutting NIH funding by 40% and eliminating the DCPC. In 2026 alone, the projected number of new cancer diagnoses in the United States will top 2 million (5,590 each day), and cancer is expected to claim the lives of over 618,000 people. We simply cannot maintain progress in our fight against cancer without support for research, surveillance, and public health programs that allow us to understand the causes of cancer and develop effective tools for prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship.

Earlier this year, OVAC shared its FY 2026 appropriations recommendations with you and, at this important moment, we are reiterating our call for the continuation of robust cancer research and prevention funding. Any cuts will have dire consequences for American families.

Thanks to bipartisan support in Congress, our nation has made significant progress in the fight against cancer. More than 18 million American cancer survivors are alive today — the most ever — and cancer mortality rates have fallen for over 30 years. Federal cancer research represents America at its best — saving lives, driving innovation, and fueling economic growth across the nation. This is no time to give up the fight.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Nickson, Vice President, Federal Advocacy and Coalitions, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and Chair, One Voice Against Cancer at Julie.Nickson@cancer.org. Once again, thank you for your continued leadership in the fight against cancer.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Urological Association, Inc.
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Cancer Support Community
Children's Cancer Cause
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation
Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friends of Cancer Research
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Hope for Stomach Cancer

Intercultural Cancer Council
International Myeloma Foundation
KidneyCAN
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
LIVESTRONG Foundation
LUNGEvity Foundation
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
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Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Brain Tumor Society
National Cancer Registrars Association
Oncology Nursing Society
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Patient Empowerment Network
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
Prevent Cancer Foundation
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