



March 20, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Capito, Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member Baldwin, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your steadfast bipartisan leadership in advancing cancer research, prevention, and care programs that continue to save lives and support families nationwide.

One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC) is a coalition of more than 50 national non-profit organizations—representing millions of cancer patients, researchers, providers, survivors, and their families—delivering a unified message to Congress and the White House on the need for strong federal investments in cancer research and cancer-related programs. Earlier this month, on March 4, our annual Grassroots Lobby Day brought together dozens of volunteers and member organizations, representing advocates, patients, survivors, researchers, and providers, on Capitol Hill to personally deliver this unified call to lawmakers and their staffs—highlighting the power of our collective voice in action.

Your commitment to date has fueled remarkable progress: the overall five-year relative survival rate for all cancers has reached a historic 70%, more than 18 million survivors—the highest number ever—are living today, and cancer death rates have fallen steadily for over 30 years.

Yet the challenge remains immense. In 2026 alone, we anticipate over 2.1 million new cancer diagnoses and more than 626,000 cancer deaths in the United States. With breakthroughs in immunotherapies, precision oncology, early detection, and prevention accelerating, this is a pivotal moment to maintain momentum.

Federal funding drives life-saving innovation, economic benefits, and U.S. leadership in biomedicine—especially as other nations ramp up their investments in cancer and biotechnology. To capitalize on today's scientific opportunities and address disparities—particularly in rural and underserved communities—we share the following requests for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill:

- **National Cancer Institute (NCI): \$7.99 billion**
This increase over FY2026 would fund hundreds more grants amid rising applications, expand clinical trials, bolster the next generation of researchers, and advance priorities such as cancer biology, metastasis, data science, symptom control, prevention, and reducing inequities.
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH): \$51.3 billion**
This level would sustain more than 60,000 competitive grants, supporting over 300,000 researchers across thousands of institutions and delivering substantial health and economic returns.
- **Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H): \$1.5 billion**
This supports high-risk, high-reward transformative research in cancer and beyond, complementing—not supplanting—NCI and NIH core investments.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC): \$482.9 million**
With over 40% of cancers preventable, this funding sustains state programs, screenings, and community resources that help those affected by cancer, or at risk, and lower late-stage disease and costs, especially benefiting rural and underserved areas.

Key DCPC Program Requests:

- National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program: \$32 million
- National Program of Cancer Registries: \$63.4 million
- National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program: \$265 million
- Colorectal Cancer Control Program: \$51 million
- National Skin Cancer Prevention Education Program: \$6 million
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign: \$20 million
- Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative: \$20 million
- Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness (Johanna's Law): \$15 million
- Cancer Survivorship Resource Center: \$1.5 million
- Breast Cancer in Young Women: \$9 million

Your ongoing support has driven historic gains. Bold, sustained federal investment now will accelerate discoveries, prevent cancer diseases, and move us closer to ending cancer as a major threat for all Americans.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to this critical cause.

Sincerely,

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 for Clinical Oncology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Blood Cancer United
Cancer Support Community
Children's Cancer Cause
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
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
LIVESTRONG Foundation
LUNgevity Foundation
Men's Health Network
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
METAvivor
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Brain Tumor Society
National Cancer Registrars Association
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Society
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Patient Empowerment Network

Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Prostate Conditions Education Council
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
St. Baldrick's Foundation
Stupid Cancer
Susan G. Komen
The Life Raft Group
Triage Cancer
V Foundation
ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer