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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor,
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
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Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray, Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As members of One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a coalition of public interest groups representing millions of cancer researchers, physicians and nurses, patients, survivors and their families, we are writing to thank you for your leadership and commend you for providing increased funding for federal cancer research and cancer control programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within H.R. 6157 the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Like you, we believe the need for cancer research, treatment, prevention and detection transcends politics and deserves bipartisan support. Again, thank you for your leadership. We look forward to working with you in the future to ensure sustained, consistent federal funding increases for cancer research and prevention programs.

Sincerely,

Action to Cure Kidney Cancer
Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy
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 Society of Clinical Oncology
American Urological Association
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Cancer Support Community
Charlene Miers Foundation for Cancer
Research
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing
Stomach Cancer
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friends of Cancer Research
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy
Association
Intercultural Cancer Coalition Caucus
International Myeloma Foundation
Kidney Cancer Action Network
LIVESTRONG Foundation
Lung Cancer Alliance

LUNGevity Foundation
Malecare Cancer Support
Men's Health Network
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
North American Association of Central
Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR)
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Conditions Education Council
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
St. Baldrick's Foundation
Susan G. Komen
The Life Raft Group
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The MPN Research Foundation
Triage Cancer
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer
Education and Support Network
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer