



February 4, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy and Minority Leader Schumer:

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 urge you to work together to raise the FY 2020 budget caps. If Congress does not take action, the nondefense discretionary budget cap for FY 2020 will drop by \$55 billion below the FY 2019 level. This will have catastrophic results for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cancer Prevention and Control programs.

Like you, we believe that the need for cancer research, treatment, prevention and detection transcends politics, and we hope that both parties will come together early this year to adopt a budget deal that supports these causes.

We look forward to working with you to ensure sustained, consistent federal funding increases for cancer research and prevention programs.

Sincerely,

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 Action 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
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, In.
(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