



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

OVAC Sign-On Statement

Re: Recent executive actions that threaten progress

As members of organizations unified in our support for the life-saving power of cancer research, we oppose recent executive actions that indisputably jeopardize progress in the fight against cancer today and for years to come. Cuts to our nation's health and research infrastructure funding and widespread layoffs at the National Institutes of Health, including the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration will have a devastating impact on the more than 2 million people who will be diagnosed with cancer this year alone. The negative impact of cuts will be felt across the country where research generates significant economic activity and jobs in every state. The United States also risks losing its global competitive edge in biomedical research as these actions threaten to halt or end clinical trials, shutter sophisticated medical labs across the country, force young researchers to reconsider or abandon academic research and jeopardize Americans' access to the latest and best medical advancements, including new cancer treatments, for years to come.

We stand ready as a community to work with the administration and Congress to ensure we continue the progress that has driven a 34% reduction in cancer mortality over the past two decades. We call on the administration to stand with patients, researchers, caregivers, physicians, pharmacists, and nurses by reversing these harmful actions and continuing our nation's longstanding bipartisan support for cancer research and prevention.

Sincerely,

National Organizations (33)

American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Society for Radiation Oncology
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Children's Cancer Cause
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer

ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friends of Cancer Research
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Head for the Cure Foundation
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
International Myeloma Foundation
LIVESTRONG
LUNGeivity Foundation
Melanoma Research Foundation
METAvivor
National Brain Tumor Society
National Cancer Registrars Association
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Patient Empowerment Network
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
The National Pancreas Foundation