



November 6, 2025

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Collins, Chairman Cole, Vice Chair Murray, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

With Congressional deliberations on this year's appropriations measures hopefully underway soon, One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC)—a coalition of over 50 organizations representing millions of cancer patients, researchers, providers, survivors, and families—once again extends our thanks for your bipartisan dedication to fighting cancer, finding cures, and assisting cancer patients across the country with treatments and services. OVAC commends you for providing strong funding levels for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) cancer programs in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) appropriations bills.

With that in mind, we now urge Congress to enact a final Labor-HHS bill for FY2026 that includes the following spending levels:

- No less than **\$47.2 billion for NIH** (the Senate bill level), to strengthen the broad biomedical research infrastructure and workforce that underpins all health discoveries, including those combating cancer;
- No less than **\$7.374 billion for NCI** (the Senate bill level), to directly fuel cancer-specific clinical research and innovations in detection, treatment, and survivorship;
- No less than **\$417.5 million for CDC's cancer prevention and control programs** (the House bill level), to expand population-level screening, surveillance, education, and community interventions; and

- At least **\$1.5 billion for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)** (the Senate bill level), to drive high-risk, high-reward innovations in cancer health technologies and innovative approaches.

Across America, NIH, NCI, ARPA-H, and CDC's cancer programs improve the lives of patients and their families. These investments also strengthen the research workforce and spur economic development by returning at least \$2.56 in new economic activity for every \$1 invested, while maintaining our nation's global leadership in the face of growing competition from other countries, including China.

OVAC coalition members fully appreciate the fiscal pressures you face this year, but we urge you to prioritize cancer research and prevention, as you have done so many times before. Please sustain this resolve by appropriating at least \$47.2 billion for NIH, \$7.374 billion for NCI, \$417.5 million for CDC's cancer prevention and control programs, and \$1.5 billion for ARPA-H.

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 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
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
METAvivor
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
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
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