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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Russell Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Secretary Kennedy and Director Vought:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing millions of patients, healthcare providers, researchers, and advocates dedicated to fighting cancer, we are writing to emphasize the vital importance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control's (DCPC) work in protecting and improving America's health and reducing the burden of chronic disease. We urge you to strengthen our national commitment to supporting this work.

Cancer remains one of our nation's most significant public health challenges, affecting millions of Americans and their families, with nearly two million new cases of cancer diagnosed and more than 600,000 deaths each year. The United States has one of the highest age-standardized incidence rates of cancer in the world. In addition to the human cost of cancer, cancer care is estimated to cost the United States over \$200 billion each year. The DCPC's work is critical to understanding and lowering cancer rates, and its effort to prevent cancer, detect it early, and educate patients and providers about cancer risks is fundamental to help achieve the Administration's health care goals.

Specifically, the DCPC:

- Collects and coordinates key data on cancer cases and treatment through the National Program of Cancer Registries that is essential for any prevention strategy
- Promotes and conducts cancer screening to detect cancer at the earliest – and most easily treated – stages
- Supports locally-driven plans in all U.S. states and territories to prevent and control cancer
- Conducts key education initiatives to help raise awareness about cancer prevention and treatment

These four activities represent a small, but significant portion of a smart investment in our nation's health and economic future. The burden of chronic disease is real and profound, and progress in the fight against cancer requires a long-term commitment. We are seeing the fruits of our efforts: cancer mortality rates have declined by 34 percent over the last 30 years and it would be a tragedy to slow, or lose ground on this progress. The DCPC programs are uniquely positioned to continue to direct and support our national strategy of cancer prevention in the interest of making all Americans healthier.

We urge you to maintain and strengthen funding for these crucial activities, which are of vital interest to a healthy America now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this important work with you further.

Academy of Oncology of Nurse & Patient Navigators
Active Surveillance Patients International
AliveandKick'n
American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU)
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Gastroenterology
American Gastroenterological Association
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Urological Association (AUA)
AnCan Foundation
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Bay Area Cancer Connections
Blackout PCa (Prostate Cancer)
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)
Cancer and Careers
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
Center for Urologic Care of Berks CO
Colon Cancer Alliance for Research & Education for Lynch Syndrome
Colon Cancer Coalition | Get Your Rear in Gear
Colon Cancer Prevention Project
Colorado Gynecologic Cancer Alliance
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Columbus Chapter Oncology Nursing Society
cureMEC: The Myoepithelial Carcinoma Project
Families Fighting Hereditary Cancer
Fight Colorectal Cancer
For the Breast of Us Foundation
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Georgia Center for Oncology Research & Education
Georgians for a Healthy Future
GI Cancers Alliance
GO2 for Lung Cancer
HealthyWomen
HIS Breast Cancer Awareness
ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network

Infinite Strength
Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Foundation
Jason Farley All In For A Cure Foundation Inc
Jscreen
Know Your Lemons Foundation
Livestrong
Living Beyond Breast Cancer
Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance
Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance
Malebreastcancerhappens.org
Malecare Cancer Support
Max Vincze Foundation
Melanoma Research Alliance
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
METAvivor Research and Support
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
National Consumers League
National LGBT Cancer Project
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Rural Health Association
No Stomach For Cancer
Nueva Vida
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society
Oncology Nursing Society
Outrun the Sun
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Patient Empowerment Network
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)
Pennsylvania Society of Oncology and Hematology
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Network
San Joaquin Prostate Cancer Support
SHARE Cancer Support
Sharsheret
Sisters Network Inc.
Skin of Color Society
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Southeastern Virginia Oncology Nursing Society

Stupid Cancer
SurvivingBreastCancer.org
Susan G. Komen
The Beautiful Gate Cancer Support & Resource Center
The National Pancreas Foundation
The Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium
The Skin Cancer Foundation
The V Foundation for Cancer Research
Tigerlily Foundation
Treasure Valley Prostate Cancer Support
Triage Cancer
Twisted Pink
Young Survival Coalition
Your Prostate Cancer.help
ZERO Prostate Cancer