TAKE ACTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA – Advocate to Restore Funding to the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP)

Congress enacted legislation that drastically reduced funding for the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2025. Funding has been cut by 57%, from \$1.5 billion to \$650 million, impacting critical research on gynecologic cancers. This research is designed first and foremost to ensure the health and well-being of those who serve in the Armed Services, as well as veterans, military families and the general public.

Call on Congress to restore this vital funding for our troops and our nation! Please see below for resources SGO has complied to help you take action on social media in support of the CDMRP and its gynecologic cancer research programs.

Resources

- **SGO Action Alert on CDMRP Cuts** Please see <u>here</u> for a template message you can personalize and send to your Representatives or Senators urging them to restore funding to the CDMRP.
- Template Social Media Posts Please see below for template posts on the CDMRP cuts that
 specifically highlight the impact on gynecologic cancer research. Each post is under 280
 characters to accommodate platforms with strict character limits, but we encourage you to
 expand on and customize these messages if the platform allows. Please use #restoreCDMRP and
 tag your members of Congress in your posts.
 - "On March 15, Congress enacted legislation that drastically cut the DoD's CDMRP by 57%, from \$1.5B to \$650M. These funding cuts will impact critical research on gynecologic cancers. @SGO calls on Congress to restore this vital funding for our troops and our nation! #restoreCDMRP" (Character count: 278)
 - "Ovarian cancer is the deadliest gynecologic cancer, with no early detection test and survival rates below 50% after five years. Congress must fully restore funding to the CDMRP to continue the vital Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) and save lives! #restoreCDMRP" (Character count: 267)
 - "Thanks to DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) funding, we've seen major breakthroughs like PARP inhibitors and the OVA1 blood test for ovarian cancer. Without restored funding in FY26, this lifesaving research could stall! @SGO calls on Congress to #restoreCDMRP now!" (Character count: 274)
 - "The Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) doesn't just fund research—it trains the next generation of researchers through the Ovarian Cancer Academy. Cuts to the DoD CDMRP risks early-career research training platforms and a generation of discoveries #restoreCDMRP" (Character count: 265)

- "Nearly 230k+ women serve in the U.S. military—17.5% of our total force. The growing prevalence and mortality of endometrial cancer will affect the health and well-being of U.S military service members and their families. @SGO calls on Congress to #restoreCDMRP and expand research" (Character count: 280)
- "@SGO calls on Congress to restore full funding to the CDMRP, protecting the Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) and the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Programs (PRCRP) which fund gynecologic cancer research in support of service members, veterans, and the public #restoreCDMRP" (Character count: 278)