

July 29, 2025

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Washington, DC 20510

**Subject: Urgent Appeal to Protect NIH Cancer Research Funding**

Dear Chair Collins, Chair Capito, Vice Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Baldwin,

On behalf of America's leading cancer advocacy organizations, we write to express our profound concern regarding the proposed reductions to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget, including funding for vital cancer research.

Together, our organizations represent millions of Americans affected by the most prevalent forms of cancer. Each day, patients, survivors, caregivers, researchers, and clinicians rely on the federal government's commitment to medical progress and the hope that comes with it.

NIH-supported research has led to extraordinary advances in early detection, targeted therapies, and survivorship. These gains have been made possible through decades of bipartisan investment in science and innovation. Cuts to NIH funding would not only disrupt ongoing, life-saving research but would also stall the momentum of future discoveries that hold promise for millions.

Cancer does not care about political affiliation- it touches every American. The battle against cancer is a uniquely unifying cause that has historically transcended partisanship. At a time when science is accelerating toward cures and more effective treatments, pulling back support would undermine progress, delay clinical breakthroughs, and ultimately cost lives.

We urge you to reaffirm the United States' leadership in medical research by rejecting NIH budget cuts and continuing to support robust, sustained investment in cancer research. Every dollar invested in the NIH is a down payment on a future with less suffering and more survivors.

We stand ready to work with you to ensure that cancer research remains a national priority. On behalf of the tens of millions of Americans living with cancer—and those yet to be diagnosed—we ask you to protect the hope that NIH research brings.

Sincerely,

American Brain Tumor Association  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Urological Association (AUA)  
Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)  
Breast Cancer Early Detection Coalition  
Cancer Support Community  
CancerCare  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Connect Melanoma  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Head for the Cure Foundation  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Kidney Cancer Association  
KidneyCAN  
LUNgevity Foundation  
Melanoma Research Alliance  
Melanoma Research Foundation  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
National Brain Tumor Society  
NUT carcinoma Alliance  
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Prostate Cancer Foundation  
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research  
Solve M.E.  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
Susan G. Komen  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
United Ostomy Associations of America  
Veterans for Common Sense  
VHL Alliance  
Women's Health Advocates  
ZERO Prostate Cancer