The total number of US cancer deaths declined last year thanks to decades of research and prevention efforts led by NIH and CDC. 60% of all cancer deaths are now preventable.

There are still no early detection tools or treatments for many of the deadliest cancers.

Research is critical to revolutionizing methods of prevention, less invasive early detection, effective treatments, and personalized cancer care.

Thanks in part to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, NIH funding supports more than 325,000 scientists and research personnel at more than 3,000 institutions across the country and has created or saved approximately 50,000 jobs in research.

Cancer costs the nation more than $228 billion a year. Stable, sustained investment in research will identify ways to better prevent, detect, and treat cancer before it takes its toll on us, our families, and our economy.

Congress, don’t cut or freeze funding for cancer research and prevention. Sustaining the current investment ensures continued progress in the fight against cancer – which kills more than 560,000 Americans each year.