

URGENT ACTION REQUEST

Urge Senators to sign Specter-Harkin letter for increased Labor/HHS funds

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) have written to Senate and Appropriations Committee leaders reemphasizing their commitment to securing an additional \$2 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (Labor/HHS) bill. This funding is crucial to efforts to provide adequate increases for cancer research and programs.

Earlier this year, cancer advocates played a crucial role in the effort to pass the Specter-Harkin amendment to increase funding by \$7 billion. The vote was an overwhelming 73-27 on the floor of the Senate. However, the Appropriations Committee allocation fell \$2 billion short.

Urge Senators to support cancer funding by signing the Specter/Harkin letter on Labor/HHS funding.

Signing this letter will show broad Senate support for an increase in funding and bring us a step closer to securing the federal resources needed in the fight against cancer.

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Talking points:

- During the budget process you supported Senators Specter and Harkin in their efforts to secure an additional \$7 billion for programs in the Labor/HHS appropriations bill. Thank you for your support.
- Despite the 73-27 floor vote in favor of the additional \$7 billion, the Labor/HHS bill is still \$2 billion short.
- The only way we will be able to get an adequate increase for NCI programs is to ensure that the full \$7 billion is provided for the Labor/HHS bill.
- Senators Specter and Harkin are circulating a letter to Senate and Appropriations leaders restating their commitment to securing the full \$7 billion. Will you sign the letter?