



May 1, 2003

*Sent to Representatives Pryce, Capps, Myrick and Israel, sponsors of a Dear Colleague letter in support of cancer funding
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC*

Dear Representative <Member's Name>:

One Voice Against Cancer wishes to express its profound gratitude to you for your leadership on the recent Dear Colleague letter regarding cancer funding. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to this issue as demonstrated by your role as co-chair of the House Cancer Caucus.

OVAC was formed to unify the public health community to seek increased federal cancer funding that would help meet the overwhelming needs of patients and families facing cancer. Representing researchers, physicians, nurses, survivors, and those working to increase early detection and treatment in racial and ethnic minority and other medically underserved populations, these national organizations offer to the White House and to Congress one voice and one message for expanded cancer research and application through programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Over the past five years, we have worked with you and other Members of Congress to significantly increase funding for the NIH. Again, your leadership in this area is greatly appreciated. At the same time, OVAC believes it is essential that the nation's investment in medical research at NIH and application at CDC maintains its momentum so that we can sustain and build on the remarkable successes our past investments have achieved in advancing detection tools and treatments to benefit the 1.3 million Americans who will be diagnosed with cancer this year and the millions more who will be diagnosed in the future. Your outreach to fellow Members through the Dear Colleague letter is vitally important in ensuring that this message is heard.

In this challenging fiscal climate, many worthy issues compete for your attention. Therefore, your dedication to people who have been touched by cancer is especially notable. We thank you and look forward to working with you to secure the necessary funding for federal cancer programs.

Sincerely,

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American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society
American Foundation for Urologic Disease
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International Myeloma Foundation
Kidney Cancer Association
The Lance Armstrong Foundation
The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Men's Health Network
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National Black Caucus of State Legislators
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Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
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