



May 4, 2005

Dear Representative:

We are writing to urge you to join your colleagues in signing a letter to President Bush in support of the goal of eliminating cancer death and suffering by the year 2015. The National Cancer Institute, under the current Administration, established this goal and has challenged our nation to make it a reality.

Thanks to prior investments in cancer research and programs, we are making real progress in the fight against cancer. Progress toward the 2015 goal requires a sustained investment in cancer research and programs.

The benefits of investing in cancer research and programs are tangible and impressive. Between 1991 and 2001, cancer death rates declined by more than 9 percent, which translates into more than 258,000 lives saved over this ten-year period. Nonetheless, cancer still strikes one in two men and one in three women. According to the National Institutes of Health, cancer cost our nation almost \$190 billion in 2004, including \$69.4 billion for direct medical costs.

We urge you to express your support for making the 2015 goal a reality by signing the attached letter, which was circulated by Representatives Sue Myrick, Lois Capps, Deborah Pryce, Steve Israel, Clay Shaw and Collin Peterson.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention (APCaP)
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Surgeons
American Foundation for Urologic Disease
American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology
American Urological Association
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Directors
Breast Cancer Resource Committee, Inc.
Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
Colorectal Cancer Coalition
Colorectal Cancer Network
EyesOnThePrize

Friends of Cancer Research
Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America
Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus
International Myeloma Foundation
Kidney Cancer Association
Lance Armstrong Foundation
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Lymphoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
National Alliance for Hispanic Health
National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
National Foundation for Cancer Research
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Prostate Cancer Coalition
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition (PPCC)
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Trust for America's Health
United Ostomy Association
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network