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Dear Senator:

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 Senators Dianne Feinstein and Sam Brownback.

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