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Sent to founding members of a new House caucus of Members who are cancer survivors or are living with cancer.

*United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC*

Dear Representative <Member Name>:

One Voice Against Cancer wishes to commend you on the formation of the 2015 Caucus for Members of Congress who are cancer survivors. As Co-Chairs of the caucus, your leadership in raising awareness of cancer and the National Institutes of Health goal of making it a manageable illness by 2015 is deeply appreciated by One Voice Against Cancer.

One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a collaboration of national non-profit organizations representing millions of Americans, 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 NIH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

OVAC has worked with 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 formation of the 2015 Caucus and your willingness to testify before the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee are important steps to ensure 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 toward achieving the NIH goal for which the caucus is named.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society
American Foundation for Urologic Disease
American Society of Hematology
American Urological Association
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
Colon Cancer Alliance
Eyes on the Prize
Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus
International Myeloma Foundation
Kidney Cancer Association
The Lance Armstrong Foundation
The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
Men's Health Network
National Alliance for Hispanic Health
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Melanoma Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
United Ostomy Association
Us Too! International