

August 2004

The Honorable <Senator/Representative>  
United States Senate/House of Representatives  
Washington DC, 2051X

Dear Senator/Representative <last name>:

I am writing to urge you to make the fight against cancer a priority. In 2004, cancer will claim the lives of more than 556,000 people in the United States – more than 1,500 people every day.

While I understand that our nation faces a tight budget, cancer is a disease that has touched the lives of nearly every family. ***(Briefly explain your personal connection to cancer – e.g. As a five year survivor of breast cancer thanks to advances in early detection that helped find my cancer soon enough to be treated successfully, I am well aware of the importance of cancer research. )***

We need your leadership to make funding for cancer research and programs a priority during the fiscal year 2005 appropriations process. As a volunteer of \_\_\_\_\_, I specifically urge you to support the funding requests proposed by the One Voice Against Cancer Coalition (OVAC). More information on these requests is available at [www.ovaonline.org](http://www.ovaonline.org).

With your commitment to provide adequate funding for cancer research and programs, the goal of eliminating death and suffering due to cancer is within our reach.

Sincerely,