



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

OVAC Sign-On Statement

Re: Recent executive actions that threaten progress

As members of organizations unified in our support for the life-saving power of cancer research, we oppose recent executive actions that indisputably jeopardize progress in the fight against cancer today and for years to come. Cuts to our nation's health and research infrastructure funding and widespread layoffs at the National Institutes of Health, including the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration will have a devastating impact on the more than 2 million people who will be diagnosed with cancer this year alone. The negative impact of cuts will be felt across the country where research generates significant economic activity and jobs in every state. The United States also risks losing its global competitive edge in biomedical research as these actions threaten to halt or end clinical trials, shutter sophisticated medical labs across the country, force young researchers to reconsider or abandon academic research and jeopardize Americans' access to the latest and best medical advancements, including new cancer treatments, for years to come.

We stand ready as a community to work with the administration and Congress to ensure we continue the progress that has driven a 34% reduction in cancer mortality over the past two decades. We call on the administration to stand with patients, researchers, caregivers, physicians, pharmacists, and nurses by reversing these harmful actions and continuing our nation's longstanding bipartisan support for cancer research and prevention.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations (34)**

American Association for Cancer Research  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Children's Cancer Cause  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer

ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Head for the Cure Foundation  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
International Myeloma Foundation  
LIVESTRONG  
LUNGeivity Foundation  
Melanoma Research Foundation  
METAvivor  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Cancer Registrars Association  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
Patient Empowerment Network  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition  
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
Zero Prostate Cancer