November 10, 2026

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Capito, Chairman Aderholt, Ranking Member Baldwin, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

With Congressional deliberations on Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations underway, One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC)—a coalition of more than 50 organizations representing millions of cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, researchers, and providers—thanks you for your bipartisan commitment to advancing cancer research, prevention, and patient care.

OVAC appreciates your longstanding support for robust funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) cancer programs through the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) appropriations process.

As Congress works toward a final FY2027 Labor-HHS bill, we urge enactment of the following funding levels:

- **$51.303 billion for NIH** to strengthen the biomedical research infrastructure and workforce that drive medical discoveries, including those that combat cancer;

- **$7.989 billion for NCI** to support cancer-specific research and advances in prevention, detection, treatment, and survivorship;

- **$482.9 million for CDC's cancer prevention and control programs** to expand screening, surveillance, education, and community-based interventions; and

- **$1.5 billion for ARPA-H** to accelerate high-risk, high-reward innovations in cancer research and health technologies.

Investments in NIH, NCI, CDC cancer programs, and ARPA-H improve outcomes for patients and families while strengthening the nation's research enterprise and economy. Every federal dollar invested in NIH generates at least $2.57 in economic activity, supporting jobs, innovation, and U.S. leadership amid growing global competition.

OVAC members also encourage you to maintain the integrity of our nation's research ecosystem. Specifically, we urge you to continue bill language in the current continuing resolution that bans the implementation of proposed revisions to the Uniform Guidance, as well as bill language in the FY2026 spending bill that caps the level of multiyear funding at NIH. We would also welcome new safeguards against efforts to terminate grants without clear justification, impose additional political review requirements, or divert biomedical research funding to other agencies without prior approval from Congress.

Maintaining America's leadership in biomedical research requires a sustained federal commitment and the timely enactment of strong funding bills. We urge Congress to continue its longstanding bipartisan support for cancer research and prevention by providing robust investments in NIH, NCI, CDC cancer programs, and ARPA-H in the final FY2027 Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Dermatology Association

American Association for Cancer Research
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Urological Association, Inc.
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
Blood Cancer United
Cancer Support Community
Children's Cancer Cause
Colorectal Cancer Alliance
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation
Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friends of Cancer Research
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Intercultural Cancer Council
International Myeloma Foundation
KidneyCAN
LIVESTRONG Foundation
LUNGevity Foundation
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
METAvivor
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation
National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Brain Tumor Society
National Cancer Registrars Association
Oncology Nursing Society
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Patient Empowerment Network

Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Prostate Conditions Education Council
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
St. Baldrick's Foundation
Stupid Cancer
Susan G. Komen
Triage Cancer
V Foundation
ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer