



February 4, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy and Minority Leader Schumer:

As members of One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC), a coalition of public interest groups representing millions of cancer researchers, physicians and nurses, patients, survivors and their families, we are writing to urge you to work together to raise the FY 2020 budget caps. If Congress does not take action, the nondefense discretionary budget cap for FY 2020 will drop by \$55 billion below the FY 2019 level. This will have catastrophic results for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cancer Prevention and Control programs.

Like you, we believe that the need for cancer research, treatment, prevention and detection transcends politics, and we hope that both parties will come together early this year to adopt a budget deal that supports these causes.

We look forward to working with you to ensure sustained, consistent federal funding increases for cancer research and prevention programs.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy  
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 Society of Clinical  
Oncology  
American Urological Association  
Association of American Cancer  
Institutes  
Bladder Cancer Action Network  
Cancer Support Community  
Charlene Miers Foundation for Cancer  
Research  
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing  
Stomach Cancer  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy  
Association  
Intercultural Cancer Coalition  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Kidney Cancer Action Network  
LIVESTRONG Foundation  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
LUNGeivity Foundation  
Malecare Cancer Support  
Men's Health Network  
Mesothelioma Applied Research  
Foundation  
National Alliance of State Prostate  
Cancer Coalitions  
National Association of Chronic  
Disease Directors  
National Brain Tumor Society

National Cancer Registrars  
Association  
North American Association of  
Central Cancer Registries, In.  
(NAACCR)  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Ovarian Cancer Research Fund  
Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer  
Coalition  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Prostate Conditions Education Council  
Sarcoma Foundation of America  
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
Susan G. Komen  
The Life Raft Group  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The MPN Research Foundation  
Triage Cancer  
Us TOO International Prostate Cancer  
Education and Support Network  
ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer