

February 9, 2016

The Vice President  
Old Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As the nation's leading organizations focused on promoting cancer research and prevention, improving cancer care, and advocating on behalf of the millions of Americans touched by cancer, we applaud your commitment to a national initiative to end cancer as we know it. Specifically, we thank President Obama and you for proposing \$1 billion for the National Cancer Moonshot- beginning with an immediate investment of \$195 million for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and the inclusion of \$755 million in new mandatory funds for the NIH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the FY 2017 Budget Proposal. This robust investment in the NIH, FDA, and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) will help catalyze the progress against the more than 200 different diseases we call "cancer" at a time when our scientific knowledge of the disease has never been greater.

We have heard your call for a greater degree of collaboration and interaction, and we are writing to express our collective ambition and enthusiasm to work with you to carry this mission forward. Our goal is shared – defeat all forms of cancer. Our organizations have a long history of uniting on a broad variety of issues, but your call for a cancer "moonshot" provides us with renewed commitment to pursue a higher level of collaboration. We know that our voice is stronger when we are united. By working together, we can make even greater contributions to this effort and ultimately save and improve the lives of the millions of Americans affected by cancer.

As organizations that represent cancer researchers, cancer centers, clinicians, caregivers, survivors, patient advocates, and others in the cancer community, we greatly appreciate your leadership and share your excitement and sense of urgency for finding more treatments and cures for this devastating disease. Over the coming months, we look forward to working with you to move these concepts from the drawing board to the launching pad.

Sincerely,

A Kids' Brain Tumor Cure Foundation  
Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania  
Action to Cure Kidney Cancer  
Alabama Cancer Congress  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine Cancer Center  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Community Cancer Centers  
Association of Northern California Oncologists

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute  
Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation  
Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network  
Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association  
Cancer Support Community  
Cancer Therapy and Research Center at the University of Texas Health Science Center  
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center, Case Western Reserve University, Seidman Cancer Center at  
University Hospitals Case Medical Center  
Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at UC Irvine  
Charlene Miers Foundation for Cancer Research  
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation  
City of Hope  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Comprehensive Cancer Center Wake Forest Baptist  
Connecticut Oncology Association  
CureSearch for Children's Cancer  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Deadliest Cancers Coalition  
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer  
Delaware Society for Clinical Oncology  
Denali (Alaska) Oncology Group  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Duke Cancer Institute  
Esophageal Cancer Action Network  
Feist-Weiller Cancer Center, LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Florida Society of Clinical Oncology  
Fox Chase Cancer Center at Temple University Health System  
Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology  
GRU Cancer Center  
GW Cancer Center  
Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at The University of Iowa  
Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina  
Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah  
Idaho Society of Clinical Society  
Illinois Medical Oncology Society  
Indiana Oncology Society  
Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center  
Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Iowa Oncology Society  
Kansas Society of Clinical Oncology  
Kentucky Association of Medical Oncology  
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone

Loma Linda University Cancer Center  
Louisiana Oncology Society  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Malecare Cancer Support National LGBT Cancer Project  
Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, West Virginia University  
Maryland/D.C. Society of Clinical Oncology  
Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota  
Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists  
Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation  
Mayo Clinic Cancer Center  
Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center  
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Men's Health Network  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology  
Minnesota Society of Clinical Oncology  
Mississippi Oncology Society  
Missouri Oncology Society  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Montana State Oncology Society  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Coalition for Cancer Research  
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship  
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
Nebraska Oncology Society  
Nevada Oncology Society  
Norris Cotton Cancer Center at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth  
North Carolina Oncology Association  
Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society  
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society  
Oklahoma Society of Clinical Oncology  
Oncology Nursing Society  
One Voice Against Cancer  
Oregon Health & Science University Knight Cancer Institute  
Oregon Society of Medical Oncology  
Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation  
Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute  
Pennsylvania Society of Oncology & Hematology  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Puerto Rico Association of Hematology and Medical Oncology  
Purdue University Center for Cancer Research  
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research  
Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University  
Rocky Mountain (Colorado) Oncology Society  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute  
Sarcoma Foundation of America  
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University  
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins  
Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Utah Medical Oncologists  
South Carolina Oncology Society  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Stanford Cancer Institute  
Stony Brook University Cancer Center  
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine  
Taussig Cancer Institute Cleveland Clinic  
Tennessee Oncology Practice Society  
Texas Society of Clinical Oncology  
The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation  
The Arizona Clinical Oncology Society  
The Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine  
The Jackson Laboratory Cancer Center  
The Life Raft Group  
The LIVESTRONG Foundation  
The Medical Oncology Society of New Jersey  
The Nicholas Conor Institute  
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital & Solove Research Institute  
The Society of Rhode Island Clinical Oncologists  
The Swifty Foundation  
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai  
The University of Arizona Cancer Center  
The University of Kansas Cancer Center  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
The Wistar Institute Cancer Center  
Tulane University Cancer Center  
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute  
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center  
UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center  
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center  
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center  
UK Markey Cancer Center  
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Alabama at Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Arizona Cancer Center  
University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Colorado Cancer Center  
University of Florida Health Cancer Center  
University of Hawai'i Cancer Center  
University of Illinois Cancer Center  
University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center  
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute

University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute  
University of Vermont Cancer Center  
University of Virginia Cancer Center  
University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center  
Upstate New York Society of Medical Oncology and Hematology  
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Southern California  
UT Southwestern Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center  
VCU Massey Cancer Center  
Virginia Association of Hematologists & Oncologists  
Washington State Medical Oncology Society  
West Virginia Oncology Society  
Wilmot Cancer Institute at the University of Rochester  
Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University  
Wisconsin Association of Hematology and Oncology  
Yale Cancer Center, Yale University School of Medicine