

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 Connor 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