TAKING ACTION

You can help us fight cancer! Here are a few things you can do to take action right now.

1. Speak out! Visit acscan.org often and take action.

2. Volunteer! Visit acscan.org/volunteer to check out available volunteer opportunities.

3. Visit acscan.org/toolkit to find the names and contact information for your government representatives. Submit emails to your representatives through our site. We’ll make sure they know how you feel about the importance of issues like cancer research, improved access to health care for cancer patients, and increased funding for cancer prevention.

4. Join the ACS CAN social media communities on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram to raise awareness for the fight against cancer.

HELP US SPEAK OUT FOR YOU!

Visit our cancer issues interest survey at acscan.org/myinterests so we can keep you updated with relevant materials on the issues that matter to you most. Use your preprinted postcards to tell your elected officials about urgent cancer issues. Just complete them and return to us — we’ll do the rest.
We represent YOUR concerns.

We’re a grassroots network of cancer survivors, their families and friends. Together, we amplify YOUR voice, speaking out to support laws and policies that save lives. Our primary issues are:

**Restoring and increasing cancer research funding:**
After a decade of significant breakthroughs, we need to keep the research momentum going. Your gifts help us fight to protect and increase the funding needed for research that will lead to life-saving scientific breakthroughs.

**Protecting and increasing early lifesaving screenings:**
The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program has provided more than 8 million lifesaving screenings, including mammograms, to women who could otherwise not afford them. Your support helps make sure they have access to mammograms and cervical cancer screenings.

**Access to cancer care:**
Inadequate access to timely, quality health care is one of the greatest barriers to winning the war on cancer. Your support helps ensure people have access to good coverage and treatment.

**Convince Congress to prevent colon cancer deaths:**
Thousands of deaths each year could be prevented if Americans received screenings for colon cancer. We’ll fight for legislation to ease patient out-of-pocket costs that discourage people from getting their recommended screenings.

**Quality of life for cancer patients and families:**
Your support helps us fight for palliative care teams who help treat the whole person. Palliative care treats pain and symptoms of treatment, from diagnosis through survivorship and beyond.

**Freedom from tobacco:**
Support ACS CAN and help us protect you, your loved ones, and the public from deadly secondhand tobacco smoke, and efforts to sell tobacco products to kids. Let’s stop the next generation from becoming addicted to tobacco.

Please support these life-and-death issues with your donations and participation!

Our issues are the ones that affect your health!
ACS CAN is the nation’s leading cancer advocacy organization, promoting public policies that improve access to quality care. We work to make the fight against cancer a top national priority and to defeat cancer once and for all.

With your participation and donations, we’re in city councils, state legislatures, the halls of Congress and the White House, holding our elected officials accountable for actions impacting the lives of people with cancer or those at risk.

Together, we will make sure your voice is heard in the corridors of power, where decisions impact you and your family’s health. By joining us, you’ve become part of a powerful network of people fighting cancer by insisting our leaders act to reduce the number of people suffering and dying from this terrible disease.

WE’RE HERE FOR YOU!
We’re here to fight cancer, not play politics. We’re nonpartisan, we work with all parties, and we’re for everyone who’s willing to help. We educate the public and work to bring people together to take ACTION against cancer.

We work beside the American Cancer Society to fight cancer in ways they can’t. The Society has been fighting cancer for over a century, funding important programs and major research breakthroughs. ACS CAN is a separate, but affiliated, advocacy group formed to fight cancer through changes in public policy.
Today researchers are making remarkable progress in every area of cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and care, but there is still more to do. And incredibly, Congress has frozen or slashed cancer research and programs over the past 5 years.

We are the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network — and we say this is NOT acceptable.

With your help, we’re demanding our leaders make fighting cancer a priority now. Use this toolkit to be a part of this growing movement and be heard.