FUNDING THE CANCER FIGHT

BRINGING PATIENT VOICES TO STATE CAPITOLS AND THE NATION’S CAPITAL
$1.75 MILLION

ADVANCING OUR CANCER ADVOCACY AGENDA AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL
$1 MILLION

TRAINING OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS
$750,000

SUPPORTING ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS THROUGH ADVERTISING AND POLICY REPORTS
$1 MILLION+

WHEN YOU LIMIT DRUG THERAPIES, YOU THREATEN LIVES.

Tell Secretary Azar and Congress:
Protect patients' lives and stop the proposed changes to Medicare Part D's Six Protected Classes.
Don't delay access to lifesaving medicines for patients living with cancer, organ transplants, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS or mental illness.

Every patient is different. A drug therapy that works for one may not work for another. That's why for more than a decade, Medicare beneficiaries have had access to cutting-edge FDA-approved therapies included in the "six protected classes" to treat their cancer, organ transplants, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS and mental illness. Our patients know this policy works and it saves lives. But a proposal from the administration could interfere with what doctors think is the best course of treatment for their patients and if finalized, could delay patients' access to lifesaving innovative therapies. It's wrong and it will put patients' lives at risk.

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• Long Term Care Community Coalition
• Lung Cancer Alliance
• LUNGevity Foundation
• Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
• Lupus Foundation of America
• MAPRx Coalition
• Men's Health Network
• Mental Health America
• Metastatic Breast Cancer Alliance
• Metastatic Breast Cancer Network
• METAvivor Research and Support
• Movement Disorders Policy Coalition
• NASTAD
• National Alliance on Mental Illness
• National Blood Clot Alliance
• National Brain Tumor Society
• National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship
• National Comprehensive Cancer Network
• National Council for Behavioral Health
• National Health Council
• National Kidney Foundation
• National Organization for Rare Disorders
• National Patient Advocate Foundation
• Susan G. Komen
• The AIDS Institute
• Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

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• Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute
• Advocates for Responsible Care
• Alliance for Patient Access
• American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
• American Brain Coalition
• American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
• American Heart Association
• American Lung Association
• American Medical Association
• American Society of Clinical Oncology
• American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
• Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network
• Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation
• Cancer Care
• Cancer Support Community
• Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
• Colorectal Cancer Alliance
• COPD Foundation
• Deadliest Cancers Coalition
• Disability Rights Legal Center
• Epilepsy Foundation
• Esophageal Cancer Action Network, Inc.
• Fight Colorectal Cancer
• FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
• Global Healthy Living Foundation
• Global Liver Institute
• ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
• International Myeloma Foundation

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In 2019, ACS CAN was instrumental in the passage of a bipartisan funding bill that included a $2.6 billion increase in medical research funding at the NIH, including a $296 million increase for the NCI. The bill also included:

- $50 million to support cancer registries
- $10 million for cancer control programs at the CDC
- $2.5 billion for federally qualified health centers

Without consistent increases in federal funding, new prevention approaches, treatments and tests may not reach cancer patients who need them the most.

ACS CAN has played a significant role in statewide smoke-free campaigns, partnering with state and local coalitions to urge our lawmakers to pass comprehensive smoke-free laws.

Nearly 61% of the U.S. population is protected by comprehensive smoke-free laws covering workplaces, including restaurants and bars, thanks in large part to ACS CAN’s ongoing advocacy efforts at the state and local levels.

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In 2019, ACS CAN helped secure more than $829 million in appropriations at the state and local levels, including $459 million to fund lifesaving tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

We also advocated for 3 of the top 5 health care bills with the most House cosponsors.

In addition, ACS CAN protected access to cutting-edge therapies for cancer patients and survivors on Medicare.