

2021 Texas Legislative Priorities



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Fund the Fight Against Cancer

Cancer Research and Surveillance

- Secure full funding (\$300 million annually) for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) in the upcoming biennium budget.
- Fully fund the Texas Cancer Registry which provides vital data about cancer in Texas.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Prevention

- Maintain funding for state cancer screening programs for low-income uninsured and underinsured women through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program (BCCS).

Tobacco Control

- Protect funding for the state's tobacco prevention and cessation program to help tobacco users quit and prevent kids from starting.

Co-sponsor the Colorectal Cancer Early Detection & Prevention Bill

HB 3588 (Rep. Smithee) / SB 1028 (Sen. Huffman and Sen. Zaffirini)

- Ensure Texas insurers fully cover the cost of colorectal screenings for individuals over the age of 45.
- Remove co-pay requirements for a colonoscopy following a positive non-invasive stool-based screening test.

ACS CAN, the non-profit, non-partisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard.

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