

August 2026 Activities



Cancer Research Should be Guided by Science

A recent proposal from federal officials could change how cancer research projects are reviewed and funded.

Instead of relying on scientific expertise, it would allow non-scientific factors to influence decisions about cancer research grants. It could slow lifesaving discoveries, delay new treatments, and make it harder for the best science to move forward.

Congress can help stop this from happening, so your lawmakers need to hear from you. The Senate began to take action before they left for August Recess, and it's important that the House do the same when they return in September.

Every breakthrough in cancer treatment starts with science-driven research. When that process is weakened, it leaves patients waiting for new breakthroughs that could change or save their lives. While the fight to convince Congress to protect and increase cancer research funding continues, this new proposal would jeopardize how that funding is used, even if it is increased.

The following pages provide materials that can be utilized during the month of August to urge members of Congress to call on the Administration to delay the proposed OMB Uniform Guidance rule and protect cancer research for America's families. Please be sure to **email** your lawmakers, **attend** any Congressional town hall events your Representatives might be holding (NOT campaign events though!) and **call** your Representatives offices using the provided scripting.

Talking Points

Overarching Talking Points

Points on the OMB Uniform Guidance Rule:

- America leads the world in cancer research because Congress has made sustained investments that delivered breakthrough treatments and cures—giving millions of patients and families renewed hope. Today, that leadership is at risk.
- The proposed OMB rule could allow grants to be canceled at any time for any reason, potentially stopping clinical trials midstream and taking away promising treatments from cancer patients who need them most.
- If uncertainty continues, we risk losing research talent, investment, and trials to countries aggressively investing in biomedical innovation. Cancer patients cannot afford delays.
- Congress should call on the Administration to delay the proposed OMB Uniform Guidance rule and protect cancer research for America's families.

Answering the Question “What do you want the Congressperson/Senator to do?”

- “As your constituent and someone deeply affected by cancer, I urge you to call on the Administration to delay the proposed OMB Uniform Guidance rule and protect cancer research for America's families.”

Action Opportunities

Contact Lawmakers in 3 Easy Steps!

Take action & share:

If you have not taken action yet, visit **fightcancer.org/science** to have your voice heard. Also make sure to share with family, friends and your network!

Attend a congressional town hall:

It is important to participate in congressional town halls, either in person or virtually, to ask members publicly about our campaign priorities. While your members are home in August, it is a great opportunity to bring this topic to their attention. But make sure you are attending a town hall in their CONGRESSIONAL capacity and not a re-election or campaign event! This ask is JUST for sitting members of Congress. Feel free to utilize the following question:

“There is a proposal by the White House to fundamentally alter the way grants are managed by the federal government, something called the OMB Uniform Guidance. I’d like to know if you’re tracking this issue? I urge you to call on the Administration to delay the proposed OMB Uniform Guidance rule and protect cancer research for America’s families.”

Call your Representatives office:

Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to speak to your House Representative. The following script can be used.

“Hello, my name is _____, and I’m a constituent from _____. I’m calling as a cancer survivor / caregiver / advocate because I support protecting lifesaving cancer research. Congress has strengthened cancer research funding, but a proposed OMB rule threatens to create uncertainty that could drive trials and innovation overseas. Cancer patients here at home cannot wait. I’m asking Representative _____ to call on the Administration to delay the proposed OMB Uniform Guidance rule and protect cancer research for America’s families. Thank you.”

And remember to let us know the outcome at fightcancer.org/reportback