

Tennessee Cancer Action Day

Legislative Asks

Support Passage of SB 435/HB 484

Support legislation to increase access to comprehensive biomarker testing

- Biomarker testing is often used to determine the best treatment for a patient, helping them get the most effective treatment for their individual disease, bypassing treatment that may be ineffective.
- In Tennessee, insurance coverage is failing to keep pace with innovations in testing and treatment, which can leave patients without access to the testing that they need. Patients in rural areas and without an academic medical center are being left behind.
- Improving access to biomarker testing can help patients achieve better health outcomes, improve quality of life, and reduced costs.

Support Tobacco Prevention and Control Funding

Support sustained funding at \$7.1 million for comprehensive tobacco control program funding for the Tennessee Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program

- The use of tobacco products remains the nation's number one cause of preventable death. Tennessee remains the third highest adult tobacco-use rate in the country.
- This program supports communities across Tennessee, helping prevent kids from using these products and adults who are addicted, quit.

Support Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Support a \$4 million increase to the Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program

- The Tennessee Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program helps low-income, uninsured and underinsured women gain access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- This funding is more important than ever as healthcare costs continue to rise and women across Tennessee continue to go unserved.

Thank you for your commitment to help end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

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