

January 25, 2018

The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ted Poe  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives DeSaulnier and Poe:

The undersigned organizations are writing to express strong support for the Cancer Care Planning and Communications (CCPC) Act. We commend your leadership in introducing this legislation, which holds the promise of improving cancer care. By improving cancer patient access to cancer care plans – at the initiation of treatment, at critical points in the cancer care continuum, and at the beginning of cancer survivorship – the CCPC Act will foster shared decision-making and cancer care coordination.

We have long supported enhancements to the Medicare program to ensure that cancer patients have access to cancer care planning and coordination services. Cancer care planning as an element of quality cancer care has also been endorsed by the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) in several reports recommending reforms of cancer care. We are pleased that cancer care planning is a practice improvement initiative that is included in the Oncology Care Model, an ongoing Medicare cancer care demonstration project.

Your efforts to reform Medicare fee-for-service cancer care, even as the Oncology Care Model and other alternative care models are tested, are an important response to the needs of Medicare beneficiaries who still receive their care from cancer care professionals in traditional Medicare. We also applaud the definition of cancer care planning and coordination in the CCPC Act as a service that can be provided across the cancer care continuum, including at the beginning of survivorship. Access to survivorship care plans holds the promise of improving survivorship for many Americans.

We stand ready to assist you in advancing the CCPC Act. Thank you again for your leadership in enhancing cancer care quality.

Sincerely,

American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
Association of Community Cancer Centers  
Association of Oncology Social Work  
Cancer Legal Resource Center  
Cancer Support Community  
City of Hope National Medical Center

College of American Pathologists  
Colon Cancer Alliance  
Critical Mass  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Hematology Oncology Pharmacy Association  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Lacuna Loft  
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone  
LIVESTRONG  
Loma Linda University Cancer Center  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lungevity  
Lymphoma Research Foundation  
Masonic Cancer Center  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
Norris Cotton Cancer Center  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Rutgers Cancer Institute  
Stupid Cancer  
The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The University of Kansas Cancer Center  
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Triage Cancer  
UC Davis Cancer Center  
University of Kansas Cancer Center  
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center  
West Virginia Oncology Society  
Zero Prostate Cancer